

sum of seventy-five (75) dollars; *Provided*, That these appropriations shall appear in the annual budget of expenditures appropriated every year for the maintenance of the Government of Puerto Rico; *Provided*, That due to the fact that the notary Manuel Figueroa, general archivist of the district of Arecibo, appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 36 of the Act to regulate the practice of the notarial profession in Puerto Rico, approved March 8, 1906, had to resign the possession and care of the general archives of the said district because of the lack of a money appropriation in the past to defray the expenses for office space and other necessary expenses of the said archive, he is hereby authorized to apply for the return, and obtain the possession, of his archive, and to receive the monthly appropriations fixed by this Act.

Section 3.—All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4.—This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1937.

Approved, May 15, 1937.

[No. 155]

AN ACT

TO LEVY A TAX OR EXCISE ON EVERY AMPLIFIER OR LOUDSPEAKER USED IN PUERTO RICO FOR BROADCASTING ADVERTISEMENTS OR ANY OTHER KIND OF PROPAGANDA; TO LEGALIZE THEIR OPERATION; TO IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR THE IMPROPER USE THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—*Definition.*—For the purposes of this Act, *amplifier* or *loudspeaker* shall mean every contrivance provided with a radio loudspeaker and tubes, or any other invention used to give greater volume and scope to the voice, music, or sound.

Section 2.—A tax of sixty (60) dollars a year is hereby levied on every amplifier or loudspeaker used in Puerto Rico to broadcast any kind of commercial or industrial propaganda, whether the said amplifiers or loudspeakers are portable or installed on vehicles of any kind or placed in fixed spots or connected by wire to a microphone receiver. This tax shall be paid to the Treasurer of Puerto Rico through quarterly licenses, by the cancellation of the corresponding internal-revenue stamps; *Provided*, That every natural or artificial person who operates an amplifier or loudspeaker shall carry with him his license showing that he has paid the tax created by this Act, and he shall show it when required to do so by any agent of authority.

Section 3.—The operation or functioning of every amplifier or loudspeaker is prohibited during the night hours between 10:00 P.M. and 8:00 A. M., as being subversive of public tranquillity, except when they may be used by the authorities to warn the neighborhood of the proximity of a storm, fire, or any other danger that may menace public safety. Neither shall it be permitted to install an amplifier or loudspeaker, or to operate it, at a distance of less than thirty meters from any hospital, maternity home, or place where any person is seriously ill.

Section 4.—It shall be illegal and contrary to the provisions of this Act, and a cause for the immediate cancellation of the license, to use an amplifier or loudspeaker for the following purposes:

(a) To broadcast false advertisements for the purpose of deceiving the public or defrauding its interests;

(b) To insult, defame, or try to discredit any natural or artificial person in Puerto Rico, or to broadcast false or libelous information;

(c) To express one's self in a manner that is lewd or against public morals;

(d) To belittle, obstruct, offend, or ridicule the authority and dignity of any public official of the United States and Puerto Rico or of any foreign country who is visiting Puerto Rico;

(e) To incite to rebellion, to riot, or to disobedience of the law;

(f) To interfere with the holding of any public act which is being held legally.

Section 5.—The amplifiers or loudspeakers that are the property of any branch or dependency of the Government of Puerto Rico for official use or educational purposes shall be exempt from the tax prescribed by this Act, and those which are the property of labor, religious, political, and social institutions, provided that they are used for commercial and industrial advertising purposes; *It being understood*, That the receiving apparatuses of the radio and the broadcasting stations operated under federal franchises shall not be included under the provisions of this Act.

Section 6.—The Treasurer of Puerto Rico shall proceed to collect the tax levied by this Act and shall prescribe all such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry it out faithfully; *Provided*, That the proceeds of the tax levied by this Act shall be covered into the regular funds of the Insular Treasury.

Section 7.—Persons violating this Act shall be guilty of misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished, for the first offense, by a minimum fine of ten (10) dollars and a maximum fine of

twenty-five (25) dollars, or by one day in jail for each dollar they fail to pay, or by both penalties; and if they are recidivists, by a minimum fine of fifty (50) dollars and a maximum fine of one hundred (100) dollars, or by one day in jail for each dollar they fail to pay, or by both penalties, in the discretion of the court.

Section 8.—Nothing herein contained shall be construed to limit the time for the holding of any act of a political, religious, labor, or social character which may be held in public plazas or places authorized by law.

Section 9.—All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 10.—This Act shall take effect ninety days after its approval.

Approved, May 15, 1937.

[No. 156]

AN ACT

TO AUTHORIZE AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (100,000) DOLLARS FOR FINISHING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CAPITOL AND FOR THE EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR ITS OFFICES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—For the purpose of obtaining additional funds for finishing the Capitol and for the equipment necessary for its offices, the Treasurer of Puerto Rico is hereby authorized and directed to set apart annually from any available funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars for said purpose; *Provided*, That this provision shall have the character of a continuous appropriation and shall constitute sufficient authorization for the Treasurer of Puerto Rico to make said payment in all the fiscal years in which the said amount may be available in the Insular Treasury, and there shall be no need of new appropriations for this purpose.

Section 2.—On closing the operations of each fiscal year, from any part of the cash balance in general funds that exceeds the balances of the appropriations made by the budgetary Act and of all the other appropriations in force, provided that said part of the cash balance of the general funds is more than two hundred thousand (200,000) dollars, the sum of one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars shall be available for the purposes of this Act, if such sum has not been previously set aside by the Treasurer of Puerto Rico as provided in Section 1 of this Act.

Section 3.—All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4.—This Act shall take effect ninety days after its approval.

Approved, May 15, 1937.

[No. 157]

AN ACT

TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURNISHING WATER TO THE BARRIOS OF PUEBLO VIEJO, SABANA, AND AMELIA OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUAYNABO, PUERTO RICO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—The sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, so that the Commissioner of the Interior may proceed with the greatest urgency, as is demanded by this case, to the survey for, and the construction of, a line of iron pipe connected to the San Juan water-works in the *barrio* of Monacillos of Río Piedras, at a place known as *San Patricio*, for the furnishing of sufficient water to the *barrio* of Pueblo Viejo and the sub-barrios of Sabana and Amelia of the municipality of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, for their peremptory needs.

Section 2.—Upon the taking effect of this Act, the Commissioner of the Interior shall begin the works for which provision is hereby made.

Section 3.—All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4.—This Act shall take effect ninety days after its approval.

Approved, May 15, 1937.

[No. 158]

AN ACT

TO AMEND SECTION 10 OF "AN ACT ASSIGNING SALARIES TO THE REGISTRARS OF PROPERTY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," APPROVED MARCH 10, 1904, AS AMENDED BY AN ACT OF MARCH 16, 1909.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—Section 10 of "An Act assigning salaries to the registrars of property, and for other purposes," approved March 10, 1904, as amended by an Act of March 16, 1909, is hereby amended and drafted in the following manner:

"Section 10.—The registrars of property of each of the sections in San Juan, \$3,400, and the registrars of property of Ponce and