

(H. B. 2518)

**(No. 167-2010)**

(Approved November 7, 2010)

## **AN ACT**

To amend subsection (14) of Section 6 of Act No. 10 of June 18, 1970, as amended, known as the “Puerto Rico Tourism Company Act,” in order to provide that the existing sports infrastructure inventory to be prepared by virtue of such provision be made public over the Internet.

### **STATEMENT OF MOTIVES**

Act No. 280 of August 15, 2008, which, in turn, amended the Puerto Rico Tourism Act, conferred onto this entity the obligation and responsibility of establishing, constituting, and organizing a Sports Tourism Council.

The promulgation of said Act responds to the recognition and present importance, as well as the potential, of sports tourism as one of the fastest growing tourist activities. It is believed that this kind of tourism grows with the increase in the development of events, such as the Olympic Games, the Pan-American Games, and the Central American and Caribbean Games, as well as the booming segment that travels to practice sports, such as golf, yachting, horseracing, fishing, scuba diving, tennis, or other adventure tourism sports, such as rappelling or mountain climbing, among others.

To that effect, provisions were approved for the drafting of a strategic plan for the practice of sports tourism activities with the potential to attract economic and promotional benefits to the Island; to promote the development of suitable infrastructure and facilities to hold the various local and international sports events. Such provisions also seek to create an inventory of the existing sports infrastructure and to promote the same for the holding of sports events from abroad.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and in attention to the worldwide technological advancements, it is our intent and interest to make available to our citizens and to the world any relevant information about the existing sports infrastructure in Puerto Rico.

***BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PUERTO RICO:***

Section 1.—Subsection (15) of Section 6 of Act No. 10 of June 18, 1970, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 6.—The Company shall be responsible for:

(1) ...

(15) Establishing, constituting, and organizing the Puerto Rico Sports Tourism Council, which shall have the duty to draft the public policy on sports as a segment for economic investment and the projection of the Island as a destination. It shall draft, in turn, the strategic plan for the practice of those sports tourism events with the potential of attracting economic benefits and promotion for the Island and promote the development of infrastructure and facilities suitable for holding different kinds of local and international sports events. Creating an inventory of existing sports infrastructure, to be made public and accessed over the agency’s webpage (Internet), both in the Spanish and the English languages, not to be construed as an exclusion of any other language that allows for its massive dissemination, and promote the same for holding sports events from abroad; evaluating recommendations for investment by financially supporting different sports events.

(a) ...”

Section 2.—This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following **Act No. 167-2010 (H. B. 2518)** of the **4<sup>th</sup> Session of the 16<sup>th</sup> Legislature** of Puerto Rico:

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has been translated from Spanish to English and that the English version is correct.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

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