

(S. B. 2336)

(No. 177)

(Approved August 6, 2008)

## AN ACT

To amend Section 4 of Act No. 136 of 2006, known as “Regional Academic Medical Centers of Puerto Rico Act,” for the purposes of correcting the reference to the Health Insurance Administration (ASES, Spanish Acronym) in the Act.

### STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

The Academic Medical Centers were created by Act No. 136 of 2006, with the purpose of guaranteeing workshops for the education of health professionals, especially for medical education, and as a consequence, to stimulate the development of teaching and clinical, epidemiological and socio-medical research and health sciences services and for other purposes, in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

In Section 4 of said Act, Academic Medical Centers are empowered to enter agreements of collaboration with the Department of Health and the Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration (ASES.) By mistake there is a reference to the Health Services Administration in the aforesaid Section 4 and through this amendment, it is corrected so as to say Health Insurance Administration which is its correct name.

### ***BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:***

Section 1. – Section 4 of Act No. 136 of 2006, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 4.-Creation. The Regional Academic Medical Centers of Puerto Rico are hereby created to operate as independent non profit entities separate

from any other agency or instrumentality of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and to function in coordination with the Department of Health of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in relation to its health services. They shall have perpetual existence and shall be independent and separate from any other consortium, administration or body created or to be created in the future in the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The Regional Academic Medical Centers shall have juridical personality, separate from any official of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and its agencies, instrumentalities, public corporations and subdivisions; each shall be governed by a Board of Directors. The Department of Health and the Health Insurance Administration (ASES) are hereby empowered to enter agreements with the Academic Medical Centers for rendering health services to the medically indigent population.

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. 177 (S.B. 2336) of the 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the 15<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, today 15<sup>th</sup> of January of 2009.

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