



LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO

Office of Legislative Services

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following Act No. 204 (S.B. 2121) of the 5th Session of the 14th Legislature of Puerto Rico:

AN ACT to repeal Act No. 40 of November 30, 1917, to eliminate obsolete provisions from our legal system,

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

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, today 13th of August of 2004.

Elba Rosa Rodríguez-Fuentes
Director

(S. B. 2121)

(No. 204)

(Approved August 28, 2003)

AN ACT

To repeal Act No. 40 of November 30, 1917, to eliminate obsolete provisions from our legal system.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Act No. 40 of November 30, 1917, provides that all neighborhood houses built of wood, that are more than one story high, and the upper story is occupied by more than five families, shall be provided of two iron or concrete stairways, at the sides or in front and back of the structure. The inspectors of the Department of Health are responsible for the inspecting and watching that these requirements are complied with. Violations of said provision of law are typified as a misdemeanor.

This Act responds to the fact that at the beginning of the century most residential structures were built of wood and were inhabited by extended family nuclei. At present, said Act has fallen into disuse by competent authorities. We deem it is necessary to eliminate any provision from our legal code that does not primarily respond, in practice, to correct a problem.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.- Act No. 40 of November 30, 1917, is hereby repealed.

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