

(H.B. 1545)

(No. 232)

(Approved August 12, 1998)

AN ACT

To amend clause (14) of subsection (e) of Section 7 of Act No. 109 of June 28, 1962, as amended, known as the "Puerto Rico Public Service Act," in order to empower regional office directors of the Public Service Commission to authorize the transfer of authorizations and/or units, except in those cases established by the Public Service Commission through Regulations; and to provide for the Public Service Commission to be under the obligation to adopt the rules needed for the exercise of the power conferred herein.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

By virtue of Act No. 14 of June 22, 1992, which amended Act No. 109 of June 28, 1962, regional office directors of the Public Service Commission were granted the delegation of various functions, among which was the function of ratifying the transfers of authorizations and/or units. However, at that time, the power to authorize said transfers of authorizations and/or units was not delegated to the regional office directors.

It is the public policy of our government to decentralize the services rendered to the people, so that they can be received with greater promptness and effectiveness. We therefore believe it necessary for regional office directors of the Public Service Commission to be delegated the power to authorize transfer applications, except in those cases established through regulations, or those in which the documents reflect any irregularity as

drafted. This shall allow the services to be rendered more speedily to grantees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.—Clause (14) of subsection (e) of Section 7 of Act No. 109 of June 28, 1960, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 7.—Delegation of Functions.—

(a) ...

(e) The following powers and duties shall be delegated to the directors of the regional offices:

(1) ...

(14) authorize the transfer of authorizations and/or units and ratify the substitutions and reinstatement of license plates within the term of one (1) year from the authorization date, and any others that the Commission may deem necessary and convenient from time to time in order to expedite the procedures in the Public Service Commission. Provided, that the directors of the regional offices shall not authorize any transfer of authorizations or units in those cases established through regulations by the Commission or when the documents filed by the applicant show any irregularity on their face.

The Public Service Commission shall adopt the rules needed to exercise the powers conferred herein.

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

September 4, 2001

Dynorah R. Requena-Gallego, Esq., Acting Director of the Office of Legislative Services of the Legislature of Puerto Rico, hereby certifies to the Secretary of State that she has duly compared the English and Spanish texts of Act No. 232 (H.B. 1545) of the 4th Session of the 13th Legislature of Puerto Rico, entitled:

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and finds the same are complete, true and correct versions of each other.

Dynorah R. Requena-Gallego