

(S. B. 2206)

(No. 273-2011)

(Approved December 24, 2011)

## AN ACT

To amend subsection (a) of Section 7 and Section 9 of Act No. 151-2004, as amended, known as the “Electronic Government Act,” to eliminate the specific name of the Government’s official web portal and seek feasible alternatives that are consistent with the changes and trends of modern technology.

### STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Act No. 151-2004, as amended, known as the “Electronic Government Act,” sets forth as the public policy of the Government of Puerto Rico the incorporation of information technologies to government procedures, the rendering of services, and the dissemination of information, through a strategy that focuses on citizens, geared toward the attainment of achievements and which actively promotes innovation.

However, as it is written, the current language of Act No. 151, *supra*, prevents us from keeping up with the changes in trends, technologies, and Federal and global regulations on the use of the Internet, since we must adhere to a specific name for the official web portal of the Government.

At present, and according to the Electronic Government Act, the specific name of the official web portal of the Government is [www.gobierno.pr](http://www.gobierno.pr). The Government of Puerto Rico uses this domain for a variety of electronic transactions, while trying to implement the general use of the domain (.gov), which is used by most of the Federal and State government agencies. Such domain has become the standard in the United States and has been designated as the only

official domain to be used exclusively by government entities, thus making it safer. Using domains such as (.com) or (.pr) causes confusion among citizens and is inconsistent with the intent of achieving a reliable government presence that is conformed and integrated to the United States.

For all of the foregoing, it is necessary to amend the “Electronic Government Act” in order to eliminate the specific name of the official web portal of the Government and seek feasible alternatives that are consistent with the changes and trends of modern technology.

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

Section 1.- Subsection (a) of Section 7 of Act No. 151-2004, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 7.- Duties of the Agencies.-

In order to achieve the purposes of this Act, the heads of agencies and instrumentalities shall have the following duties:

(a) Publish an electronic page that contains the information necessary for citizens to be able to know the mission, services offered, geographical location of offices, working hours, and telephone numbers of each agency, which page shall be connected to the official web portal of the Government of Puerto Rico, as established.

(b) ...

(c) ...

(d) ...

(e) ...

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(i) ...

(j) ...”

Section 2.- Section 9 of Act No. 151-2004, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 9.- Duty to Publish Information.-

The Office of Management and Budget shall render an annual report on the concrete actions taken to enforce the public policy herein established and the progress of the electronic government to the Legislative Assembly and the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Such report shall also include an analysis of the impact of the Electronic Government Program on human resources administration. Said report shall be available to the public through the Government web portal.”

Section 3.- Effectiveness.-

This Act shall take effect immediately after approval.

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following **Act No. 273-2011 (S. B. 2206)** of the **6<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 this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

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