

(H.B. 2986)

(No. 519)

(Approved September 29, 2004)

AN ACT

To amend Section 9 of Act No. 20 of April 11, 2001, as amended, known as the “Women’s Advocate Office Act,” in order to add a subsection (l) to include among the duties and powers of the of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Women’s Advocate Office, that said office shall become a member of and represent the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico before the various United States of America and/or international women’s organizations.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

The Women’s Advocate Office was created by virtue of Act No. 20 of April 11, 2001, as amended, for the purpose of strengthening and ensuring compliance with the public policies that guarantee the human rights of women and promote concrete actions that seek to eliminate any type of discrimination against them.

Some of the main objectives of those organizations involved in the rights of women such as the United Nations Organization Women’s Juridical and Social Commission, among others, are to promote the rights of women and make recommendations to the various countries about the urgent problems that affect women in the political, social, educational, cultural and civic spheres.

For this reason the Legislature deems it pertinent that the Office of the Women's Advocate should, among its duties and powers, include becoming a member of and representing the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico before any women's organization of the United States of America or in any such organization at the international level for the purpose of cooperating and establishing working networks abroad while at the same time reaffirming the rights of women such as their human rights which are indispensable for achieving such objectives as those that concern equality, development and peace.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.-Section 9 of Act No. 20 of April 11, 2001, as amended, known as the "Women's Advocate Office Act," is hereby amended in order to add a subsection (l) to read as follows:

"Section 9.-The Office shall have the following duties and powers, in addition to others provided in this Act or in the laws and programs whose administration or implementation it is charged with:

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(l) National and International Organizations:

The Women's Advocate of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico may be a member of, and represent Puerto Rico before the various national and international organizations that bring together Women's Advocates and that promote the human rights of women as well as concrete actions that seek to eliminate any discriminatory action towards these."

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

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following Act No.519 (H.B. 2986) of the 7th Session of the 14th 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 23rd of August of 2006.

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Director