LAW OF PUERTO RICO

[No. 17]
[Approved, June 5, 1948]

AN ACT

TO PROVIDE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO MAY GRANT CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE STUDY OF MEDICINE, ODONTOLOGY, AND VETERINARY SCIENCE; TO SPECIFY THE PERSONS TO WHOM SUCH SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE GRANTED; TO ESTABLISH THE OBLIGATIONS TO BE CONTRACTED BY SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH TO MAKE CONTRACTS THEREFOR WITH SAID BENEFICIARIES, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—The University of Puerto Rico shall apply the funds appropriated thereto by Act No. 215, of March 27, 1946, and No. 53, of May 7, 1947, as well as the funds herein appropriated and any other funds hereafter appropriated thereto for the purposes hereinabove mentioned, to cover scholarships to be granted to Puerto Rican students who are now studying or may hereafter study medicine, odontology, or veterinary science in the universities outside of Puerto Rico.

Section 2.—The University of Puerto Rico shall prescribe the necessary rules for the selection and supervision of its scholarship students, and for the cancellation of scholarships when, in its judgment, the academic proficiency, the conduct, and the circumstances of a scholarship student may so warrant. The following shall be the minimum requirements for the granting of scholarships:

(a) a grade index of not less than C;
(b) limited financial means which, as verified by evidence, will not allow the student himself, or his relatives, to pay for his studies;
(c) admission to a first class university or college.

Section 3.—Every beneficiary under this Act shall sign with the Commissioner of Health of Puerto Rico, on behalf of the Government of Puerto Rico, a contract prepared by the Commissioner of Health binding himself to render professional services as a physician, dentist, or veterinarian, as the case may be, in the Insular Government or the municipalities at the salary fixed in the schedules approved pursuant to the laws of Puerto Rico, during a number of years equivalent to the number of years during which he received a scholarship from the Government or the University of Puerto Rico. No scholarship shall be valid whose beneficiary fails to sign the contract.

LEYES DE PUERTO RICO

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PARA DISPONER LOS TERMINOS Y CONDICIONES BAJO LOS CUALES LA UNIVERSIDAD DE PUERTO RICO PODRA CONCEDER CIERTAS BECAS PARA ESTUDIOS DE MEDICINA, ODONTOLOGIA Y VETERINARIA, ESPECIFICAR LAS PERSONAS A QUIENES SE LES PODRA CONCEDER ESTAS BECAS; PARA ESTABLECER LAS OBLIGACIONES QUE HABRAN DE CONTRAER LOS BECARIOS PARA CON EL GOBIERNO DE PUERTO RICO Y AUTORIZAR AL COMISIONADO DE SALUD A HACER CONTRATO CON LOS BECARIOS A ESE EFECTO; Y PARA PROTEGER FONDOS ADICIONALES PARA TALES FINE.

Decrétese por la Asamblea Legislativa de Puerto Rico:

Artículo 1.—La Universidad de Puerto Rico dedicará los fondos que le fueron asignados por las Leyes Núm. 215 de 27 de marzo de 1946 y Núm. 53 de 7 de mayo de 1947, así como los fondos que aquí se le asignan y cualesquiera otros fondos que en lo futuro se le asignen para los fines que más adelante se especifican, para becas a conceserse a estudiantes puertorriqueños que se dediquen, o hayan de dedicarse, en universidades fuera de Puerto Rico, al estudio de la medicina, odontología o veterinaria.

Artículo 2.—La Universidad de Puerto Rico establecerá las reglas necesarias para la selección y supervisión de sus becarios y para la cancelación de las becas cuando a su juicio el aprovechamiento académico del becario, su conducta y sus circunstancias así lo justifiquen. Los siguientes serán requisitos mínimos para la concesión de las becas:

(a) índice académico no menor de C,
(b) recursos económicos comprobadamente limitados que no permitan al estudiante o sus familiares sufragarse o sufragar sus estudios,
(c) ingreso en una universidad o colegio de primera categoría.

Artículo 3.—Todo beneficiario de esta Ley firmará un contrato con el Comisionado de Salud de Puerto Rico a nombre del Gobierno de Puerto Rico, preparado por el Comisionado de Salud, comprometiéndose a prestar servicios profesionales en el Gobierno Insular o municipios en calidad de médico, dentista o veterinario, según sea el caso, y con el sueldo que fijen las escalas aprobadas de acuerdo con las leyes de Puerto Rico, durante un número de años igual al número de años durante los cuales recibe beca del Gobierno o de la Universidad de Puerto Rico. No será válida ninguna beca cuyo beneficiario no firme el contrato que se dispone en este artículo. El contrato
provided for in this section. Said contract shall be signed by the beneficiary upon the awarding of the scholarship to him for the first time and before he starts to enjoy the benefits thereof, and the same shall fix the date or circumstance following which the rendering of said professional services shall begin.

Section 4.—The University of Puerto Rico is hereby empowered to grant the scholarships authorized by this Act, and shall report to the Legislature the number of scholarships granted, the names of the beneficiaries, the grade index and financial circumstances of each beneficiary, the amount of each scholarship, and the university or college in which the beneficiary is studying.

Section 5.—The sum of two hundred and twenty-five thousand (225,000) dollars is hereby appropriated to the University of Puerto Rico from general funds not otherwise appropriated for the effectuation of the purposes of this Act.

Section 6.—All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 7.—This Act, being of an urgent and necessary character, shall take effect immediately after its approval.

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AN ACT

TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (200,000) DOLLARS TO THE GENERAL SUPPLIES ADMINISTRATION OF PUERTO RICO FOR THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE SERVICE OFFICE DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1948-49, AND THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (200,000) DOLLARS TO INCREASE THE WORKING CAPITAL OF SAID OFFICE.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—There are hereby appropriated to the General Supplies Administration of Puerto Rico the sum of two hundred thousand (200,000) dollars for the operating expenses of the Service Office during the fiscal year 1948-49, and the sum of two hundred thousand (200,000) dollars to increase the working capital of said office.

Section 2.—This Act, being of an urgent and necessary character, shall take effect July 1, 1948.

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