Puerto Rico in appropriating funds for the elimination of grade crossings of railroads and insular roads and highways, the Commissioner of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to acquire by purchase, exchange, donation, or expropriation such lands as may be necessary for the rights of way for such sections of highways, roads, or railroads, as it may be necessary to change or modify in order to eliminate grade crossings; and he is further authorized to pay for the structures that it may be necessary to demolish or for the damages that may be done to such structures, or to property of any kind, due to the elimination of said grade crossings.

Section 2.—To carry out the provisions of this Act, the sum of thirty thousand (30,000) dollars, or such part thereof as may be necessary, shall be appropriated annually out of any surplus there may be in existing appropriations, or in appropriations that may exist, for the construction of highways, roads, and bridges; and if no such surplus exist, or if the same are not sufficient to cover the amount appropriated, the Auditor of Puerto Rico is hereby directed to put at the disposal of the Commissioner of the Interior, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, this amount, or such part thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Section 3.—All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4.—It is hereby declared that this Act is of an urgent character, and as such demands immediate effectiveness after its approval.

Approved, May 5, 1941.

[No. 101]

AN ACT

TO PROMOTE THE CULTIVATION OF LITERATURE IN PUERTO RICO; STIMULATE BIBLIOGRAPHICAL PRODUCTION; CREATE A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS “FUND FOR THE PUBLICATION AND PURCHASE OF BOOKS BY PUERTO RICAN WRITERS,” WHICH SHALL BE AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE INSTITUTE OF PUERTO RICAN LITERATURE FOR THE PURPOSES SMT FORTH IN THIS ACT; TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TEN THOUSAND (10,000) DOLLARS FOR SAID FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—The sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars is hereby preferentially appropriated for the fiscal year 1941–42 and succeeding years, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise ap-
propriated, for the purpose of promoting the cultivation of literature and stimulating bibliographical production in Puerto Rico; Provided, That the said sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars shall be set aside annually in the Insular Treasury and shall be covered into a special fund to be known as "Fund for the Publication and Purchase of Books by Puerto Rican Writers."

Section 2.—The Institute of Puerto Rican Literature is hereby authorized to publish and purchase such books by Puerto Rican writers as show positive worth. The Institute shall fix the rules it may consider necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, and the publishing and purchasing of books by Puerto Rican writers shall be subject to such rules.

There shall be no limitation of any kind as to the nature or type of the literary works, and the manuscripts for books of verse, of the theatre, novels, history, essays, and treatises, as well as the works or studies on scientific, economic, social or pedagogical research, shall have equal option.

The Institute may publish and purchase works by contemporary writers as well as by deceased writers in such proportion as it may deem reasonable for the best promotion and divulgation of the literature and the bibliographical production of Puerto Rico.

Section 3.—The Institute of Puerto Rican Literature shall distribute the works it may publish or purchase, among the public libraries, the school-libraries and the libraries of educational, scientific, cultural, social, labor and fraternal institutions of Puerto Rico, and it shall set aside of each book such number of copies as it may consider reasonable for sending to Universities, Academies, writers of reputation and educational, scientific, cultural, social and labor institutions of foreign countries.

Postage expenses incurred by the Institute for the distribution of these books shall be paid chargeable to the "Fund for the Publication and Purchase of Books by Puerto Rican Writers."

Section 4.—All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5.—This Act shall take effect ninety days after its approval.

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preferente, de cualesquiera fondos existentes en la Tesorería Insular no destinados a otras atenciones, durante el año fiscal 1941-1942 y años sucesivos; Disponiéndose, que dicha suma de diez mil (10,000) dólares se separará anualmente en la Tesorería Insular y se ingresará en un fondo especial denominado "Fondo Para la Edición y Compra de Libros de Autores Puertorriqueños".

Sección 2.—El Instituto de Literatura Puertorriqueña queda por la presente autorizado para editar y comprar libros de autores puertorriqueños, en los cuales concurran méritos positivos.

El Instituto fijará las reglas que considere necesarias para dar cumplimiento a los propósitos de esta Ley, quedando sujetas a tales reglas la edición y compra de libros de autores puertorriqueños.

No habrá limitación alguna en cuanto a la naturaleza o género de las obras literarias, teniendo igual opción los manuscritos y libros de versos, teatro, novela, historia, ensayos, tratados, así como los trabajos o estudios de investigación científica, económica, social y pedagógica.

El Instituto podrá editar y comprar obras de autores contemporáneos y de autores fallecidos en la proporción que estime razonable para el mayor fomento y la divulgación de la literatura y la producción bibliográfica de Puerto Rico.

Sección 3.—El Instituto de Literatura Puertorriqueña distribuirá las obras que editar o comprar entre las bibliotecas públicas, las bibliotecas escolares y las bibliotecas de instituciones docentes, científicas, culturales, sociales, obreras y fraternales de Puerto Rico, y de cada libro destinará el número de ejemplares que estime razonable para el envío a universidades, academias, escritores de renombre e instituciones docentes, científicas, culturales, sociales y obreras de países extranjeros.

Los gastos de franqueo en que incurra el Instituto para la distribución de estos libros se pagarán con cargo al "Fondo para la Edición y Compra de Libros de Autores Puertorriqueños".

Sección 4.—Toda ley o parte de ley que se oponga a la presente, queda por ésta derogada.

Sección 5.—Esta Ley empezará a regir a los noventa días después de su aprobación.

Aprobada en 5 de mayo de 1941.