

Section 4.—This Act shall take effect ninety days after its approval.

*Approved, May 15, 1937.*

[No. 140]

AN ACT

TO AMEND SECTION 55 OF THE REVISED CIVIL CODE OF PUERTO RICO (1930 EDITION), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:*

Section 1.—Section 55 of the revised Civil Code of Puerto Rico (1930 edition) is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 55.—Persons enjoying only provisional possession can neither alienate nor encumber the real estate of the absentee, but when said real estate consists of shares or co-ownership of real estate materially indivisible and which may be destroyed by the action of time or *force majeure*, the district court where said real estate is located may, upon sworn application to that effect, authorize the sale thereof, with the intervention of the prosecuting attorney and by public sale, in the same manner as if it were property belonging to minors; and the proceeds of the sale shall be deposited in the district court to be invested as the court may provide.”

Section 2.—All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3.—This Act shall take effect ninety days after its approval.

*Approved, May 15, 1937.*

[No. 141]

AN ACT

TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF ACT No. 68, APPROVED MAY 2, 1930, ENTITLED “AN ACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN IRON AND CONCRETE BRIDGE OVER THE PORTUGUES RIVER ON ROAD NUMBER 1, BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE PLAYA OF PONCE; TO RAISE FUNDS TO BUILD SAID BRIDGE BY LEVYING CERTAIN EXCISE TAXES ON SUCH AMOUNTS AS MAY BE WON BY BETTING IN THE *BANCAS-ALEMANAS* AT THE RACE TRACKS OF PORTO RICO; TO IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,” AS AMENDED BY ACT No. 79, OF MAY 5, 1931, AND ACT No. 42, OF MAY 13, 1932, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:*

Section 1.—Section 2 of Act No. 68, approved May 2, 1930, entitled “An Act for the construction of an iron and concrete

bridge over the Portugués River on road number 1, between the City and the Playa of Ponce; to raise funds to build said bridge by levying certain excise taxes on such amounts as may be won by betting in the *bancas-alemanas* at the race tracks of Porto Rico; to impose penalties for violations of this Act, and for other purposes,” as amended by Act No. 79, of May 5, 1931, and by Act No. 42, of May 13, 1932, is amended to read as follows:

“Section 2.—To raise funds for the purpose of constructing said bridge, it is hereby provided that every person receiving or obtaining any amount as winnings in the *bancas-alemanas* of any race track established in Puerto Rico, shall pay an excise tax of ten (10) per cent of the amount received or obtained; *Provided*, That said tax shall be withheld by the person, company or corporation in charge of the operation of said race track, by deducting it from the amount to be received or obtained by the winner. Said amount shall be paid to the Insular Treasurer on the day following the date on which such payments are made and shall be covered into the Insular Treasury in a special fund which shall be known as the ‘Portugués River Bridge Fund’ and shall be used to pay the cost of the aforesaid bridge; *Provided, further*, That when said work has been completed, said excise tax shall continue to be collected and the proceeds thereof shall be covered into the Insular Treasury in the following manner: up to the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars, in a special fund to be devoted to the construction of a retaining wall on the right bank of the Orocovis River, in the town of Orocovis; up to the sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, in a special fund to be devoted to the construction and completion of the road from Mayagüez to the building constructed by the *Liga Antituberculosa Inc. de Mayagüez*, and the balance in a fund to be known as ‘Fund for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in Children of School Age,’ to be expended only by the Commission created by Act No. 82, of May 6, 1931, in the form and manner established in said Act No. 82, of May 6, 1931.”

Section 2.—All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3.—This Act shall take effect ninety days after its approval.

*Approved, May 15, 1937.*