

(H.B. 220)

(No. 69)

(Approved August 25, 2005)

AN ACT

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STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

The present legislation seeks to strengthen the right to information of the citizens and the transparency of government pursuits. The Government of Puerto Rico handles large amounts of statistical information that must be circulated in its totality.

As an example, the Puerto Rico Police has an Internet page which does not contain its statistics on crime. A small group of agencies have been concerned with including such vital information in their Internet pages and periodical newsletters.

In view of this fact, and in agreement with the legislation in effect, every agency and public corporation and any other instrumentality of the Government of Puerto Rico is hereby directed to publish and update in their respective Internet pages and in other means of institutional diffusion, the official statistics and indices administered by each entity.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.- Every agency and public corporation and any other instrumentality of the Government of Puerto Rico is hereby directed to publish and update in their respective Internet pages and in other means of institutional diffusion, the official statistics and indices administered by each entity. To those effects, said government entities are also directed to regularly submit all the statistical data, other than that of a confidential nature, to the Puerto Rico Institute of Statistics, so that the latter may be able to fulfill its ministerial obligation of disclosing government statistics as established in Section 5 of Act No. 209 of August 28, 2003.

Section 2.- The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall issue the regulations needed to guarantee faithful compliance with the purpose of this Act.

Section 3.- This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following Act No. 69 (H.B. 220) of the 1st Session of the 15th 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 17th of January of 2006.

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Director