

(S. B. 1173)

**(No. 1)**

(Approved January 4, 2006)

**AN ACT**

To redesignate the second subsection (o) as subsection (p) and subsection (p) as subsection (q) of Section 5 of Act No. 53 of June 10, 1996, as amended, known as the “Puerto Rico Police Act of 1996”, in order to correct the same.

**STATEMENT OF MOTIVES**

Act No. 53 of August 5, 2005, repeals Act No. 3 of March 13, 2001, known as the “Puerto Rico Drug Control Office” and amends Act No. 53 of June 10, 1996, as amended, known as the “Puerto Rico Police Act of 1996”, to add a subsection (o) to Section 5 of said Act and to delegate the functions inherent to public security which corresponded to the Drug Control Office to the Police Superintendent.

Act No. 106 of May 4, 2004 and Act No. 242 of September 2, 2004, had both added a subsection (o) to Section 5 of said Act No. 53. Subsequently, Act No. 137 of November 4, 2005, approved after Act No. 53 of August 13, 2005, corrected the mistake and redesignated the second subsection (o) as subsection (p) and amended the same. However, the text of Section 5 mentions two subsections (o) after the approval of Act No. 53 of August 13, 2005.

This Legislature deems it necessary to correct Section 5 of Act No. 53 of June 1996, known as the “Puerto Rico Police Act of 1996”, in order to clarify the provisions of the subsections of said Section.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:**

Section 1.- The second subsection (o) is hereby redesignated as subsection (p) and subsection (p) is hereby redesignated as subsection (q) of Section 5 of Act No. 53 of June 10, 1996, as amended, to read as follows:

“Section 5.- Superintendent; Powers, Authority, and Duties.-

(a) ...

(o) Reach an agreement with the municipalities to designate Municipal Police Officers that in coordination with the Puerto Rico Police shall provide surveillance in schools. The cost incurred for the recruitment of such municipal personnel shall be defrayed by the State.

(p) As part of his/her functions as public security custodian:

(1) Shall establish liaisons and maintain coordination among state and federal agencies and international entities to organize and implement joint surveillance efforts in the coastline, airports and maritime ports and share and exchange the information and data needed to protect the points of access to Puerto Rico against the entry of drugs in to our Island.

(2) Promote coordination between state and federal security agencies for the detection of criminal enterprises, money laundering and trafficking of fire arms, whenever these illegal enterprises and activities are related to the illegal trafficking of drugs; and

(3) Coordinate the action plans and efforts of the government bodies related to the control of illegal trafficking of drugs; and

(4) Advise the Governor and the Legislature on the mechanisms for controlling illegal trafficking of drugs destined to the Island, and each January, shall submit an annual report on the efforts made

pursuant to this subsection to the Legislature and the Governor of Puerto Rico at the beginning of the first regular session of the year.

(q) Shall ensure the establishment and maintenance of a registry of crime incidence on the Island, as well as statistics for each area contained in the Police Regions on reported offenses, to be detailed according to their nature and the percent of clarification of said criminal acts. These statistics shall serve to allow the Superintendent to establish strategies that shall lead to appropriately fight crime, as well as to implement preventive initiatives in areas of greater criminal incidence. The Superintendent shall prepare a monthly report on the crimes reported to be detailed according to their nature and the percent of clarification of said criminal acts.

(1) The Superintendent shall adopt a collection, compilation, and report model of the criminal activity statistics per area contained in the Police Regions, to be detailed according to their nature and the percent of clarification of said criminal acts. This model or system shall include mechanisms to ensure that the highest quality control standards are followed in the collected and disclosed statistical information, including both internal and external annual audits. A copy of the audit reports shall be filed before the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate not later than February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. In the case of statistical data regarding murders/homicides, the Superintendent shall establish a procedure to guarantee that officers of the Police, the Forensic Sciences Institute and the Registry of Vital Statistics of the Department of Health share and

analyze the information available to ensure that there are no discrepancies in the compiled and reported data.

(2) The Superintendent shall establish the pertinent procedure to ensure that the monthly reports on crime statistics per area contained in the Police Regions, are detailed according to their nature and the percent of clarification of said criminal acts are updated and available through the Internet and other institutional disclosure means to expedite the continuous access of the citizens to said data.”

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

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following Act No. 1 (S.B. 1173) of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> of June of 2006.

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