

(H. B. 997)

(No. 15)

(Approved January 20, 2006)

AN ACT

To amend Section 5, renumber it as Section 4, and to repeal Sections 4, 6, and 7 of Act No. 6 of April 6, 2001, in order to eliminate the Special Committee of the Legislature for the Granting of the “Luis Muñoz Marín Medal,” and to assign the functions regarding the Award to the Joint Committee on Internships, Medals and Awards of the Legislature.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

On last November 2, 2004, the People of Puerto Rico gave a mandate to this Legislature to be stricter and more conservative in the use of public funds, among other things. This mandate together with another, demanded the elimination or cut of standing legislative committees, whether created by law or by resolutions, since by doing so there would be savings in the budget, and at the same time the efficiency of the Legislature would be increased.

In view of this mandate, since the beginning of this, the Fifteenth Legislature it was deemed necessary to undertake a process of dramatic cuts in the number of existing committees. To such purposes, it is imperative to amend the laws of many committees, so that their functions and jurisdictions may be assumed by other committees. This is the case of Act No. 6 of April 6, 2001.

It is important to mention that the amendments to Act No. 6 do not have the intention to eliminate the worthy selection of a recipient of the Luis

Muñoz Marín Medal, but rather to consolidate in a single Joint Committee all processes to be taken for the granting of this Award as well as other medals and awards of the Legislature.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.- Section 5 of Act No. 6 of April 6, 2001, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 4.- The Joint Committee on Internships, Medals and Awards of the Legislature shall receive nominations and recommendations on the citizens or institutions which deserve to receive this distinction. The selected candidate shall be chosen from among the persons recommended by citizens, public or private entities or by the Joint Committee itself.”

Section 2.- Sections 4, 6, and 7 of Act No. 181 of July 20, 1979(*sic*), as amended, are hereby repealed.

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.15 (H.B. 997) of the 3rd 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 13th of July of 2006.

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Director