

(S.B. 916)

(No. 135)

(Approved July 27, 2006)

## AN ACT

To amend Section 11 of Act No. 206 of August 28, 2003, as amended, known as the “Act to Designate the Ecological Corridor of San Juan,” in order to delegate upon the Department of Natural Resources the responsibility of providing materials, equipment, and office space to the Special Committee for the performance of its duties.

### STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

The Ecological Corridor of San Juan was created for the purpose of maintaining a green lung within the metropolitan area of our Capital City. Such is the importance of this Corridor that Act No. 206, *supra*, provided for the creation of a Special Committee responsible for, among other things, establishing standards and programs for the conservation and management of the Corridor.

The purpose of this Act is to clarify the parameters of Act No 206, *supra*, and assure the Special Committee that it has the resources to carry out the work which was entrusted to it, since a provision to provide for this matter was omitted from the enabling statute.

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

Section 1.-To amend Section 11 of Act No. 206 of August 28, 2003, as amended, to read as follows:

“Section 11.-Plan for the Conservation and Management of the Ecological Corridor of San Juan.

The Department of Natural and Environmental Resources shall, within the term of thirty (30) days after the approval of this Act, designate a Special Committee comprised by thirteen (13) members, including the representatives of the following entities: the National Institute of Tropical Forestry, the University of Puerto Rico, the San Juan Bay Estuary Program, the Planning Board, the Regulations and Permits Administration, the Luis Muñoz Marín Foundation, the Municipality of San Juan, and the remaining six (6) members shall be selected by the Alliance Pro Ecological Corridor of San Juan (ACES, Spanish acronym) Community Organization. The latter shall select three (3) members for a term of two (2) years, and the remaining three (3) members for a term of three (3) years; all of said members may be reelected. The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs shall provide to the Special Committee materials, equipment and office space for the performance of its duties. In close coordination and collaboration with this Special Committee, the Department shall prepare and implement a Plan for the Conservation and Management of the Ecological Corridor of San Juan. This integrated Conservation and Management Plan shall consider the following criteria:

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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. 135 (S.B. 916) of the 3<sup>rd</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 8<sup>th</sup> of September of 2006.

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