

(S. B. 764)

(No. 149)

(Approved August 8, 2006)

AN ACT

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STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

For our society, correctional rehabilitation is without a doubt one of the most important government projects, because it is directed toward the rehabilitation of those citizens who have been deprived of their freedom for some unfortunate reason.

In this process, Puerto Rico has excellent public servants who are committed to investigate, supervise and develop an institutional or treatment plan directed toward the rehabilitation of the members of correctional population. In their daily works, Sociopenal Services Technicians perform their duty of making recommendations with respect to sentence reductions for the correctional population of planning social, cultural, religious and sports activities, among others, in order to modify the lifestyle of these persons. Notwithstanding their challenges and limitations, these professionals have proven that they are agents of change in behavior modification and that they contribute toward the adequate integration of social offenders into the free community.

This Legislature, for the aforementioned reasons and in recognition of the exceptional work of these outstanding public servants, deems it meritorious to declare the second week of the month of September of each year as “Puerto Rico Sociopenal Service Technicians Week.”

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.- The second week of the month of September of each year is hereby declared as “Puerto Rico Sociopenal Service Technicians Week,” in recognition of the valuable contribution of such dedicated public servants in the social project of correctional rehabilitation in Puerto Rico.

Section 2.- Every year, at least ten days in advance of September 1st, the Governor, by means of proclamation, shall exhort the People of Puerto Rico to commemorate the second week of the month of September as “Puerto Rico Sociopenal Service Technicians Week,” as well as direct the agencies concerned to organize and sponsor appropriate activities for this celebration.

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. 149 (S.B. 764) 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 15th of December of 2006.

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