AN ACT

TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND ($300,000) DOLLARS FOR THE PURCHASE OF Tillable LANDS FOR SCHOOLS AND SECOND RURAL UNITS IN THE ISLAND; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION TO PURCHASE SAID LANDS IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

In normal times, the nutrition of our people is far from being good, and at the present time this evil has been aggravated due to the international conflict and to the responsibility for producing food for our armed forces and for our civilian population.

The need of developing and increasing sources of food supply in Puerto Rico is well known. One of the means for attaining this is through the intensification of the teaching of scientific agricultural methods in the public schools of Puerto Rico.

At the present time there are many schools in Puerto Rico that lack land for the practical teaching of agriculture, and there are other schools that do not have sufficient land suitable for such purpose.

From the economic and social point of view, and also from that of public health, it is necessary to purchase lands for those public schools of the island or second rural units that lack tillable land or have insufficient land to extend the efficient teaching of agriculture; therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.—The sum of three hundred thousand (300,000) dollars is hereby appropriated from any available funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, which sum shall be placed at the disposal of the Department of Education of Puerto Rico to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Section 2.—The sum hereinafter appropriated shall be used by the Commissioner of Education for the purchase of lands chosen for such public schools or second rural units in various parts of the island, as lack lands or have not sufficient lands for the practical and efficient teaching of agriculture; Provided, That no land whatever shall be purchased with this appropriation unless a previous assessment ad hoc of said property has been made.
Section 3.—Titles to the lands to be acquired under the provisions of this Act shall be subject to the approval of the Attorney General of Puerto Rico. The surveys and demarcation of said lands shall be made by the Division of Public Lands and Archives of the Department of the Interior.

Section 4.—All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5.—This Act, being of an urgent and necessary character, shall take effect immediately after its approval.

Approved, March 30, 1944.

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[Approved, March 30, 1944]

AN ACT

TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE MUNICIPAL PIER OF PONCE TO APPROPRIATE IN ITS BUDGET FOR 1944-45, THE SUM OF SIXTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND THIRTY-SEVEN CENTS ($64.37) WHICH IT OWES TO THE PORTO RICO TELEPHONE CO., OF SAN JUAN, FOR PAST SERVICES; TO DIRECT THE AUDITOR OF PUERTO RICO AND THE MUNICIPAL AUDITOR OF PONCE TO CERTIFY AND AUTHORIZE SAID PAYMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

WHEREAS, the accounts of the municipal pier of Ponce with the Porto Rico Telephone Co., of San Juan, P. R., were the object of an investigation by the office of the Insular Auditor;

WHEREAS, from that investigation it appears that the municipal pier of Ponce owes the Porto Rico Telephone Co., of San Juan, P. R., the sum of sixty-four dollars and thirty-seven cents ($64.37) for services rendered to the former from January to June 1943;

WHEREAS, there is no item in the present budget of the municipal pier of Ponce, which provides for the payment of the past-due debt,

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—The administrative board of the municipal pier of Ponce, P. R., is hereby authorized to include in its regular budget for 1944-45 the sum of sixty-four dollars and thirty-seven cents

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Sección 3.—Los títulos de los terrenos que van a ser adquiridos de conformidad con las disposiciones de la presente ley, estarán sujetos a la aprobación del Procurador General de Puerto Rico. Los estudios y deslinde de dichos terrenos serán hechos por la División de Terrenos Públicos y Archivos del Departamento del Interior.

Sección 4.—Toda ley o parte de ley que se oponga a la presente, queda por ésta derogada.

Sección 5.—Esta Ley, por ser de carácter urgente y necesaria, comenzará a regir inmediatamente después de su aprobación.

Aprobada en 30 de marzo de 1944.

[No. 20]

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LEY

PARA AUTORIZAR A LA JUNTA ADMINISTRATIVA DEL MUELLE MUNICIPAL DE PONCE A QUE CONSINUE EN SU PRESUPUESTO PARA 1944-45, LA SUMA DE SESENTA Y CUATRO DÓLARES CON TREINTA Y SIETE CENTAVOS ($64.37) QUE ADEUDA A LA PORTO RICO TELEPHONE CO. DE SAN JUAN, POR SERVICIOS ATRASADOS Y ORDENAR AL AUDITOR DE PUERTO RICO Y AL AUDITOR MUNICIPAL DE PONCE A QUE CERTIFiquEN Y AUTORIZEN LA VERIFICACION DE DICHO PAGO, Y PARA OTROS FINES.

EXPOSICIÓN DE MOTIVOS

Por cuanto, las cuentas del Muelle Municipal de Ponce con la Porto Rico Telephone Co. de San Juan, P. R., fueron objeto de una investigación de el Departamento de Auditoría Insular;

Por cuanto, del resultado de esa investigación resulta estarle adeudando el Muelle Municipal de Ponce a la Porto Rico Telephone Co., de San Juan, P. R., la suma de sesenta y cuatro dólares con treinta y siete centavos ($64.37), por servicios prestados a aquélla, de enero a junio de 1943;

Por cuanto, no existe partida alguna en el presupuesto actual del Muelle Municipal de Ponce, que provea para el pago de esa deuda atrasada,

Decretilse por la Asamblea Legislativa de Puerto Rico:

Sección 1.—Por la presente se autoriza a la Junta Administrativa del Muelle Municipal de Ponce, P. R., para que consigne en su presupuesto ordinario de 1944-45, la suma de sesenta y cuatro dólares