To establish the Governor's Annual Prize Program for administrative improvements and to appropriate the necessary funds for such purpose.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—The Governor of Puerto Rico is hereby authorized to award, according to such rules as he may adopt, annual prizes for administrative improvements to the officers and employees of the Government of Puerto Rico and its instrumentalities who may make worthy suggestions leading to improve, or introduce savings in, the organizations, procedures and administrative practices of the departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Such prizes may consist, among others, of cash, trips, trophies or medals. In case of the death of a person entitled to receive a prize, such prize shall be delivered to his heirs.

Section 2.—The following shall not be eligible for these prizes: officers and employees of the municipalities; the personnel of the Division of Organization and Methods of the Bureau of the Budget and of other administrative units engaged in the improvement of procedures and methods; persons contracted with a temporary character and in the capacity of technicians or professionals to carry out any inquiry, investigation, survey or consultation of a special nature on behalf of the Legislative Assembly of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or of a Committee of the Houses thereof, or on behalf and upon authorization of the Governor; the members of the Committee in charge of the administration of the Governor’s Annual Prize Program for Administrative Improvements. The Governor may refuse to award a prize to any officer or employee for any suggestion which is a part of the normal duties of his office or employment, or to the incumbent of any office who, because of his being responsible for major policies and programs, it would be improper for him to receive a prize from the Program.

Section 3.—The prize received by any officer or employee shall be in addition to his regular compensation and shall not
be considered as a part thereof. Provided, further, That such prize shall not be subject to the payment of income tax.

Section 4.—The operating expenses connected with the purposes of this Act shall be met during the fiscal year 1953–54 and succeeding years from the funds appropriated to the Bureau of the Budget in the Operating Budget Act.

Section 5.—This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

Approved, June 13, 1953.

(H. B. 969)

[No. 80]

[Approved, June 13, 1953]

AN ACT

To amend subdivision (10) of paragraph (b) of Section 15 of Act No. 74, approved August 6, 1925, known as "Income Tax Act of 1924", as amended.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

It has been the policy of this government to stimulate the acquisition by our people of homes at the lowest possible cost. Most of the families of relatively high income have acquired dwellings through mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Authority (F. H. A.)

A large sector of the Puerto Rican people in lower income brackets, but ineligible for participating in the public housing projects now under way, have not benefited from the mortgages insured by the F. H. A.

Surveys made by the Puerto Rico Planning Board show that there is a dire need for such type of dwellings. The construction of such dwellings would alleviate the problem of inadequate housing in Puerto Rico and lessen the need for making public investments for meeting this problem.

Through this Act we will be taking the proper steps toward the final objective of enabling these families of moderate income and ineligible for the public housing projects, to acquire their homes at a low cost.

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como parte de ésta. Disponiéndose además, que no estará sujeto al pago de tributos sobre ingresos.

Artículo 4.—Los gastos de funcionamiento relacionados con los propósitos de esta ley serán sufragados durante el año fiscal 1953–54 y en años sucesivos de los fondos que se asignen al Negociado de Presupuesto en la Ley de Presupuesto Funcional.

Artículo 5.—Esta Ley comenzará a regir inmediatamente después de su aprobación.

Aprobada en 13 de junio de 1953.

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Para enmendar el Inciso (10) del apartado (b) de la Sección 15 de la Ley Núm. 74, aprobada el 6 de agosto de 1925, conocida como "Ley de Contribuciones Sobre Ingresos de 1924", según ha sido enmendada.

EXPOSICIÓN DE MOTIVOS

Ha sido la política de este gobierno el proveer estímulos a nuestra población para que adquieran viviendas al costo más bajo posible. La mayor parte de las familias de ingresos relativamente elevados han adquirido viviendas mediante las hipotecas aseguradas por la Administración Federal de Hogares (F. H. A.).

Un amplio sector de la población de Puerto Rico con ingresos menores, pero no elegibles para participar en los proyectos de hogares públicos actualmente en funcionamiento, no ha podido beneficiarse de las hipotecas aseguradas por la F. H. A.

Estudios realizados por la Junta de Planificación de Puerto Rico demuestran que hay una enorme necesidad de ese tipo de viviendas. La construcción de esas viviendas aliviaria el problema de las viviendas inadecuadas en Puerto Rico, y reduciría la necesidad de hacer inversiones públicas para enfrentarse a este problema.

Mediante la aprobación de esta ley estamos dando los pasos apropiados para lograr el objetivo final de que estas familias de ingresos limitados e inferiores, no elegibles para los programas públicos de hogares, puedan adquirir sus viviendas a un bajo costo.