debts incurred by the Bureau of the Administration of the Lottery of Puerto Rico during the fiscal years 1940–41, 1941–42, and 1943–44, which were not paid because the books of said bureau were closed before these debts were presented for payment.

To: El Imparcial

Fiscal year 1940–41
Advertising expenses, October 30, 1940. $ 60.00
Advertising expenses, January 29, 1941. 50.00
Advertising expenses, March 29, 1941. 21.00

Fiscal year 1941–42
Advertising expenses, October 12, 17, and 23, 1941. 49.70

Fiscal year 1943–44
Freight, express, and delivery expenses. 540.00

To: Supplies Office

Fiscal year 1943–44
Printing of tickets, prospectuses, galley proofs and lists. 293.68

To: Communications Authority

Fiscal year 1942–43
Telephone and telegraph. 343.46

Fiscal year 1943–44
Postage, telephone, and telegraph. 1,468.60

Total. $2,826.44

The Auditor of Puerto Rico shall examine and verify for the proper purposes the debts listed in this section.

Section 2.—All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3.—This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

Approved, April 3, 1946.

[No. 259]
[Approved, April 3, 1946]

AN ACT

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SUSPENDED SENTENCE IN THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF PUERTO RICO; TO PROVIDE IN WHICH CASES THE EFFECT OF THE SENTENCE SHALL BE SUSPENDED AND THE PERSON

($2,826.44) para pagar deudas del Negociado de la Administración de la Lotería de Puerto Rico incurridas durante los años económicos 1940–41, 1941–42 y 1943–44, las que no fueron satisfechas por habérselas cerrado los libros de dicho negociado antes de presentarse el cobro de las mismas.

A: El Imparcial

Año económico 1940–41
Gastos de anuncios, octubre 30, 1940. $ 60.00
Gastos de anuncios, enero 29, 1941. 50.00
Gastos de anuncios, marzo 29, 1941. 21.00

Año económico 1941–42
Gastos de anuncios, octubre 12, 17 y 23, 1941. 49.70

Año económico 1943–44
Gastos de flete, de expresos y de entrega. 540.00

A: Oficina de Suministros

Año económico 1943–44
Impresión de billetes, prospectos, prueba de galeras y listas. 293.68

A: Autoridad de Comunicaciones

Año económico 1942–43
Telégrafo y teléfono. 343.46

Año económico 1943–44
Franquicia, telegrafo y teléfono. 1,468.60

Total. $2,826.44

El Auditor de Puerto Rico examinará y comprobará las deudas relacionadas en esta sección, a los fines que sean pertinentes.

Sección 2.—Toda ley o parte de ley que se oponga a la presente, queda por ésta derogada.

Sección 3.—Esta Ley empezará a regir inmediatamente después de su aprobación.

Aprobada en 3 de abril de 1946.

[Núm. 259]
[Aprobada en 3 de abril de 1946]
SENTENCED PLACED ON PROBATION, AND TO MAKE PROVISION THEREFOR; TO FIX THE NECESSARY CONCURRING REQUISITES FOR SUCH SUSPENDED SENTENCE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—The suspended sentence is hereby established in the courts of Puerto Rico.

Section 2.—The effect of the sentence imposed on any person guilty of a felony other than murder in the first degree, shall be suspended, and the person sentenced placed on probation whenever at the time of imposing said sentences the following requisites concur: (a) that the defendant has not been convicted, sentenced and confined in prison for any offense whatsoever prior to the commission of the offense for which he is prosecuted; (b) that the offense committed does not evince the degree of moral warping that makes indispensable confinement of the offender in a penal institution as an attempt at reform; (c) that the trial court has before it a report made to it by a probation officer of the court or of the Parole Board, after said probation officer has carefully investigated the circumstances of the offense committed, the family background, and the social history of the accused, and that such investigation discloses that said defendant was always a law-abiding citizen; Provided, That the trial court shall fix the terms under which the accused shall be placed on probation. Provided, further, That the court may, in its discretion, in addition to placing the person sentenced on probation, impose on him a fine proportionate to the nature of the offense committed.

Section 3.—In no case shall a convicted person be placed on probation for a period of time exceeding five (5) years; but the court shall retain jurisdiction over said convicted person until the full expiration of the maximum term fixed by law for the offense committed; Provided, That in those cases where the law does not fix a maximum term, the trial court shall fix said maximum term at the time of imposing the corresponding sentence.

Section 4.—After a convicted person is placed on probation he shall be subject to the supervision of the Parole Board until the expiration of the maximum term fixed by law (or by the judge, as provided in the preceding section) for the offense committed. The Board may at any time after having knowledge that said convicted person has violated the conditions of his probation, order a detailed investigation of the facts and, within ten (10) days counting from the date on which it learned of the violation, shall submit to the trial
court a detailed report of the investigation made, in order that said court may direct, if the facts so warrant, the revocation of the probation period, should this period be still unexpired, or of the suspension of the effects of the sentence, if the probation period has expired, and, consequently, direct the confinement of the convicted person for the full term of the sentence originally suspended to place him on probation; Provided, That if the sentencing court should deem it necessary, it may request of the Parole Board a periodical report on the conduct of the convicted person placed on probation, and it shall be the duty of the Board to make said report to the court.

Section 5.—All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6.—If any part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, said declaration shall not affect any other part hereof.

Section 7.—This Act, being of an urgent character, shall take effect immediately after its approval.

Approved, April 3, 1946.

[No. 260]  
[Approved, April 3, 1946]

AN ACT

TO AMEND SECTION 3 OF ACT No. 2, APPROVED MARCH 15, 1939, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARECIBO, PUERTO RICO, TO SELL TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WITHOUT THE NEED OF HOLDING A PUBLIC SALE, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POST-OFFICE BUILDING, A LOT THAT THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARECIBO ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE FROM DR. FRANCISCO MARIA SUSONI, AND THE LOT AND BUILDING NOW OCCUPIED BY THE LINCOLN SCHOOL OF ARECIBO, WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARECIBO ACQUIRED BY GRANT FROM THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACTS APPROVED MARCH 10, 1910, AND JULY 9, 1926; TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MAYOR OF ARECIBO TO EXECUTE THE PROPER DEED OF CONVEYANCE OF SAID PROPERTIES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, OR TO THE DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR OFFICIAL REPRESENTING IT, WITHOUT THE NEED OF HAVING ANY OTHER OFFICIAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO APPEAR IN THE ACT OF EXECUTING SAID DEED; TO RATIFY THE PURPOSE AND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE No. 27 OF THE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY OF ARECIBO, APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF SA." A CITY ON FEBRUARY 3, 1939, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—Section 3 of Act No. 2, approved March 15, 1939, is hereby amended to read and be in force as follows:

sentencisadora un informe detallado del resultado de su investigación, para que dicha corte ordene, si así lo justificaren los hechos, la revocación del período probatorio, si éste no ha expirado aún, o de la suspensión del efecto de la sentencia, si el período probatorio ha cesado, y, en su consecuencia, la reclusión del reo por el término completo de la sentencia cuyos efectos fueron originalmente suspendidos para ponerlo a prueba. Disponiéndose, que, si la corte sentenciadora lo estimare necesario, podrá solicitar de la Junta de Libertad Bajo Pálabra un informe periódico de la conducta del reo puesto a prueba; y será deber de la Junta suministrar dicho informe a la corte.

Artículo 5.—Toda ley o parte de ley que se oponga a la presente, queda por ésta derogada.

Artículo 6.—Si cualquier parte de esta Ley fuere declarada inconstitucional, dicha declaración no afectará ninguna otra parte de la misma.

Artículo 7.—Esta Ley, por ser de carácter urgente, empezará a regir inmediatamente después de su aprobación.

Aprobada en 3 de abril de 1946.