

“Governor's Annual Prize Program for Administrative Improvements”

Act No. 79 of June 13, 1953, as amended

(Contains amendments incorporated by:
Act No. 40 of July 19, 1997)

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1. — [Governor's Annual Prize Program for Administrative Improvements] (3 L.P.R.A. § 12)

The Governor of Puerto Rico is hereby authorized pursuant to such rules as he may adopt, to award annual prizes for administrative improvements to officials and employees, work units, programs and agencies of the Government of Puerto Rico, who adopt or implement innovative ideas and processes which result in an economy or an increase in the quality of the services offered by the departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. For the purposes of this Act, work units shall be those defined in the budget document as sections in the organization chart of each program or its equivalent. The prizes may consist, of cash, trophies or medals among others. In case of the death of a person entitled to receive a prize, such prize shall be delivered to his/her heirs.

Section 2. — [Persons not eligible] (3 L.P.R.A. § 13)

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. — [Prize additional to compensation; exemption from income tax] (3 L.P.R.A. § 14)

The prize received in cash by any official or employee as part of a work unit shall be in addition to his/her 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. When the prize is awarded to a program or agency, and the same consists of cash, said resources shall become apart of the agency's budget and shall be used for non-recurrent expenses. If the prize consists of a trophy or medals, the same shall belong to the recipient agency.

Section 4. — [Operating expenses] (3 L.P.R.A. § 15)

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.

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