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[CHAPTER 703]

AN ACT

June 25, 1938
[S. 3929]
[Public, No. 745]

To authorize the Legislature of Puerto Rico to create public corporate authorities to undertake slum clearance and projects, to provide dwelling accommodations for families of low income, and to issue bonds therefor; to authorize the legislature to provide for financial assistance to such authorities by the government of Puerto Rico and its municipalities, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Legislature of Puerto Rico may create public corporate authorities to undertake slum clearance and projects to provide dwelling accommodations for families of low income.

Puerto Rico.
Slum clearance and housing projects.

SEC. 2. The Legislature of Puerto Rico may provide for the appointment and terms of the commissioners of such authorities, and for the powers of such authorities, except that such authorities shall be given no power of taxation, and may authorize the commissioners of such authorities to fix the salaries of employees.

Commissioners of authorities, and powers of authorities.

SEC. 3. The legislature may appropriate funds for and may make and authorize any municipality of Puerto Rico to make loans, donations, and conveyances of money or property to such authorities; may make and authorize any municipality of Puerto Rico to make available its facilities and services to such authorities and take other action in aid of slum clearance or low-rent housing; and may, without regard to any Federal Acts restricting the disposition of public property or lands in Puerto Rico, provide for the use by or disposal to such authorities of any public lands or other property held or controlled by the people of Puerto Rico, its municipalities, or other subdivisions.

Appropriations, loans, etc., authorized.

Use and disposal of public lands.

SEC. 4. The legislature may authorize such authorities to issue bonds or other obligations with such security as the legislature may provide and may provide for the disposition of the proceeds of such bonds and all receipts and revenues of such authorities.

Bonds.

SEC. 5. Such bonds shall not be a debt of Puerto Rico or any municipality, and shall not constitute a public indebtedness within the meaning of section 3 of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1917, entitled "An Act to provide a civil government for Porto Rico, and for other purposes", as amended.

Not to constitute a public indebtedness.
39 Stat. 953.
48 U. S. C. §§ 741, 741a, 745; Supp. III, §§ 741, 741a, 745.

SEC. 6. All legislation heretofore enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico dealing with the subject matter of this Act and not inconsistent herewith is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Confirmation of legislation heretofore enacted.

Approved, June 25, 1938.

[CHAPTER 704]

AN ACT

June 25, 1938
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Authorizing advancements from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for the construction of certain municipal buildings in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to accept advancements for the District of Columbia from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, created by the National Industrial Recovery Act, and said Administration with the approval of the President is authorized to advance to said Commissioners the sum of $18,150,000, or any part thereof, in addition to any sums heretofore advanced to the District of Columbia by said Administration, out of funds authorized by law for said Administration, for the acquisition, purchase, construction, establishment, and develop-

District of Columbia.
Acceptance of advances from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works authorized.
48 Stat. 200.