

75TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1992

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 1937

Mr. IGLESIAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Insular Affairs and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To make Puerto Rico an incorporated Territory of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the provisions of this Act shall apply to the island of
4 Puerto Rico and to the adjacent islands belonging to the
5 United States, and waters of those islands; and the name
6 Puerto Rico as used in this Act shall be held to include not
7 only the island of that name but all the adjacent islands as
8 aforesaid.

9 SEC. 2. An incorporated Territorial government is es-
10 tablished over the island of Puerto Rico, with its capital at
11 San Juan, Puerto Rico.

1 SEC. 3. All persons who had become citizens of the
2 United States in accordance with an Act of Congress, ap-
3 proved March 8, 1917, entitled "An Act to provide a civil
4 government for Puerto Rico, and for other purposes"; and
5 all citizens of the United States who shall reside in the island
6 of Puerto Rico for one year shall be citizens of the Territory
7 of Puerto Rico.

8 SEC. 4. The Constitution and, except as otherwise pro-
9 vided, all the laws of the United States, including laws
10 carrying general appropriations, which are not locally inap-
11 plicable, shall have the same force and effect within the said
12 Territory of Puerto Rico as elsewhere in the United States:
13 *Provided, however,* That hereafter all taxes collected under
14 the internal-revenue and customs laws of the United States
15 in Puerto Rico and on articles produced in Puerto Rico and
16 transported to the United States, or consumed in the island,
17 shall be deposited in the treasury of Puerto Rico, to be wholly
18 devoted for social-security service, education, sanitation, and
19 permanent public works of the island as may be prescribed
20 by the Legislature of Puerto Rico.

21 SEC. 5. Any part or parts of the Act of Congress, ap-
22 proved March 2, 1917, entitled "An Act to provide a civil
23 government for Puerto Rico", and the laws of Puerto Rico
24 not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United

1 States or the provisions of this Act shall continue in force,
2 subject to repeal or amendment by the Congress of the
3 United States.

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