

76TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 147

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 1939

Mr. IGLESIAS introduced the following bill: which was referred to the Committee on Insular Affairs

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 SEC. 5. Any part or parts of the Act of Congress, ap-
14 proved March 2, 1917, entitled "An Act to provide a civil
15 government for Puerto Rico", and the laws of Puerto Rico
16 not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United
17 States or the provisions of this Act shall continue in force,
18 subject to repeal or amendment by the Congress of the
19 United States.

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