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Presented by Representatives *Méndez Núñez, Torres Zamora, Rodríguez Aguiló, Hernández Alvarado, Alonso Vega, Aponte Hernández, Banchs Alemán, Bulerín Ramos, Charbonier China, Charbonier Laureano, Del Valle Colón, Franqui Atilés, González Mercado, Lassalle Toro, Lebrón Rodríguez, Mas Rodríguez, Meléndez Ortiz, Miranda Rivera, Morales Rodríguez, Navarro Suárez, Pagán Cuadrado, Parés Otero, Peña Ramírez, Pérez Cordero, Pérez Ortiz, Quiñones Irizarry, Ramos Rivera, Rivera Guerra, Rivera Ortega, Rodríguez Hernández, Rodríguez Ruiz, Santiago Guzmán, Soto Torres, and Torres González*

Referred to the Committee on Treasury, Budget, and of the Puerto Rico Financial Oversight and Management Act, “PROMESA”

JOINT RESOLUTION

To fix the Expense Budget for the Dependencies, Division, and Subdivisions of the Government of Puerto Rico not covered in the Joint Resolution on the General Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; and to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to pay from the appropriate Special Funds.

PREAMBLE

The recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 entailed new challenges and changes in the process of its formulation. First, in promulgating Executive Order 2017-005, we adopted a Zero Base Budget. Under this budgetary methodology, the Government agencies and instrumentalities are required to carefully evaluate their projected expenses and justify them, making sure to comply with their mission and maintaining quality in the services rendered. Also, by implementing the Zero Base Budget we ensure that the agencies correctly account for the items, allocating them where they actually should be intended. The recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 reflects reductions in payroll and in operating expenses, according to the current norms and the Fiscal Plan. Likewise, it contains an allocation

for the payment of pensions of retirees of the Central Retirement System and the Judiciary, and of the Teachers Retirement System from various sources, among these the sale of assets of the Central Retirement System and the Judiciary. Through this bill, The Special Expenses Budget is fixed corresponding to the Industrial Commission and the Puerto Rico Lottery Bureau of the Department of the Treasury.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUERTO RICO LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1.- The Special Expenses Budget corresponding to the Government entities of the
2 Government of Puerto Rico, identified below, corresponding to Fiscal Year 2017-2018, is hereby
3 established.

4 Section 2.- The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to pay from the Special Funds the
5 amounts detailed below:

6	1.	Industrial Commission	
7	a.	To pay the Operating Expenses, Law No. 45 of	
8		April 18, 1935, as amended.	\$21,755,000
9		Subtotal	\$21,755,000
10	2.	Puerto Rico Lottery Bureau of the Department of the	
11		Treasury	
12	a.	To pay the Operating Expenses of the Puerto Rico	
13		Lottery, Law No. 465 of May 15, 1935, as	
14		amended.	\$19,414,000
15	b.	To pay the Operating Expenses of the Additional	
16		Lottery, Law No. 10 of May 24, 1989, as amended.	\$3,521,000
17		Subtotal	\$22,935,000
18		Total	\$44,690,000

19 Section 3.-This Joint Resolution will be known as the “Special Joint Resolution on
20 Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.”

21 Section 4.-This Joint Resolution will enter into effect on July 1, 2017.