# LEGAL UPDATE

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# **Government Affairs**

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Governor Ricardo Rosselló signs the New Government of Puerto Rico Act.

On December 18, 2017, Governor Ricardo Rosselló ("Governor") signed the New Government of Puerto Rico Act ("New Government Act") with the objective of advancing the public policy of the current administration with respect to transforming the current structure of the Executive Branch into a modern, agile, efficient and less bureaucratic organizational system, while reducing public expenditure.

The New Government Act authorizes the Governor to assess the current structure of the instrumentalities within the Execute Branch, and, if deemed necessary, submit to the Legislative Assembly the appropriate Reorganization Plans to consolidate agencies, functions, programs and faculties, as well as to allow for the outsourcing of those services that can be rendered by other entities (non-profits, municipalities, etc.).

Likewise, the New Government Act enumerates: (1) the principles and requirements to which a Restructuring Plan must adhere; (2) the agencies and instrumentalities to which these measures will not be applied; and (3) the powers and duties conferred to the heads of agencies. Furthermore, it outlines the procedure to be followed in connection with the submission (Governor), and review, approval or rejection (Legislative Assembly) of a Reorganization Plan.

You may access the New Government Act here.

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