

**ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
THIRTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2002

ROTA WCAL LAW NO. 13-3
**SENATE LOCAL
BILL NO. 13-3**

A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT

To impose a complete ban on the exportation of Raw Bayogo **from** the island of Rota; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE ROTALLEGISLATIVE DELEGATION PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 4 OF DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

Section 1. Short Title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Bayogo Exportation Ban Act of Rota.”

Section 2. Findings and Purpose. The Rota Legislative Delegation finds that large quantity of Bayogo are being harvested and exported out of Rota to be used in the manufacturing of handicrafts that are sold in gift shops particularly to tourist. The Delegation **further** finds that by banning the exportation of Bayogo, it will encourage the establishment of handicraft manufacturers which **will** serve as an outlet for the people to harvest Bayogo and **sell** to the manufacturers as a source of income. It will **also** create employment and encourage plantation and cultivation of Bayogo. Therefore, it is the purpose of this act to ban the exportation of raw Bayogo, unless it is manufactured and assembled in Rota in the form of handicraft or finished product ready to be exported and sold to **gift** shops or other outlets outside of Rota.

Section 3. Definition. There are two types of Bayogo as define herewith for the purpose of this act:

- a) The large Bayogo commonly known as Saint Thomas Bean or its scientific name Entata **Phaseoloides**.
- b) The small Bayogo commonly known as Sea Bean or its scientific name **Macuna** Gigantea.

Section 4. Ban on the exoortation of Raw Bavoqo. It shah be illegal to export from the island of Rota raw Bayogo as defined in Section 3 of this act unless it is assembled or manufactured in Rota in the form of handicraft to be marketed to outlets or **gift** shops located outside of Rota.

Section 5. Payment of Taxes. Manufacturers or handicraft makers shah pay applicable taxes pursuant to the **CNMI** tax system.

Section 6. Enforcement. The Secretary of the. Department of Lands and Natural Resources or through delegation of authority to the Resident Director is in charge with the enforcement of this act.

Section 7. Promulgation of Rules and Regulations. The Secretary of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources may promulgate rules and regulations consistent with the intent and purpose of this act.

Section 8. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shah not be **affected** thereby.

Section 9. Savings Clause. This Act and any repealer contained herein shah not be construed as affecting. any existing_ right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes

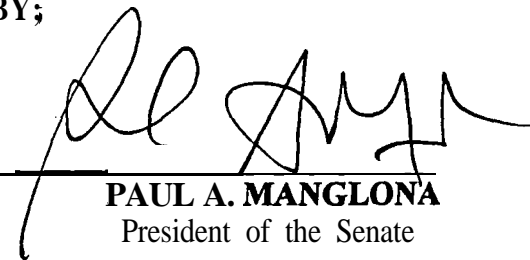
repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not **affect** any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or **criminal**, which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes effective.

Section 10. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY;

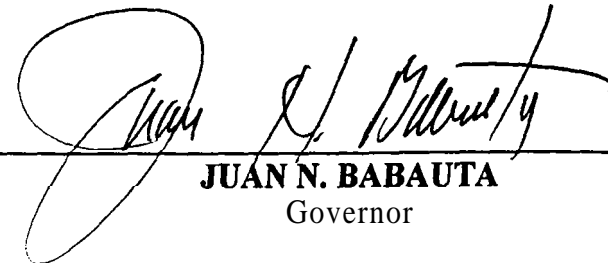


RICARDO S. ATALIG
Chairman



PAUL A. MANGLONA
President of the Senate

Approved this 9th day of August, 2002.



JUAN N. BABAUTA
Governor