

1 Subject to the restrictions of this Act, the Mayor, with the approval of the
2 Governor, may reprogram funds between or among the items in this Act in any
3 amount that does not increase or decrease the amount of any such item by
4 more than twenty percent. Notice of such reprogramming shall be reported in
5 writing to the Chairman of the **Committee** on Appropriations of the House of
6 Representatives and the Chairman of the Committee on Fiscal Affairs of the
7 Senate not later than three working days after the date the Mayor takes such
8 reprogramming action. If the reprogramming would result in more than the
9 percent change, cumulative and in total for the fiscal year, permitted by this
10 section, or requests a change or reprogramming of any employee ceiling limit
11 imposed by this Act, the proposal shall be submitted in writing to the two
12 Chairmen for approval by the Legislature before the transfer of funds or other
13 change takes place. Such reprogramming request shall be considered approved by
14 the Legislature if it has not been disapproved by either Committee within five
15 calendar days from the date of its acknowledged official receipt. Either
16 Committee may propose to amend the request. If the other Committee does not
17 agree to such an amendment within the five-day period, the request shall be
18 considered disapproved. If the other Committee agrees to the amendment, the
19 request shall be considered approved as amended, except that the Mayor may
20 choose not to carry out the reprogramming if he does not concur with the
21 amendment. If one Committee disapproves the request and the other does not,
22 or if the two Committees do not agree on any amendment to the request, the two
23 Chairmen shall arrange a joint meeting of the two Committees to discuss their
24 differences in an attempt to resolve them and to arrive at a solution, if
25 possible, before taking final action on the request. Notwithstanding the


1 procedure set forth in the preceding five sentences of this section, such
2 reprogramming request may be approved by the Legislature by concurrent
3 resolution at any time prior to ~~the~~ expiration of such five-day period.

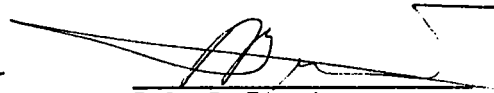
4 Section 5. Administrative Guidelines. The detailed worksheets,
5 schedules and tables submitted to the Legislature by the Governor, as
6 modified to reflect the amounts appropriated and allocated in this Act,
7 are to be used by the Mayor as administrative guidelines for the purpose
8 of allocating funds appropriated by this Act.

9 Section 6. Penalties. No funds appropriated by this Act shall be paid
10 out of the General Fund except pursuant to the provisions of this Act. Any
11 elected official or any officer or employee of any branch, department, agency,
12 commission, office or instrumentality of the Government of the **Commonwealth** of
13 the Northern Mariana Islands **who** shall knowingly and wilfully violate any
14 provision of this Act shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than one
15 thousand dollars or be imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

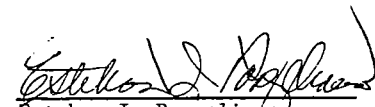
16 Section 7. Severability. If any provision of this Act, or the
17 application of any such provision to any person or circumstance, shall be
18 held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this
19 Act, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other
20 than those to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

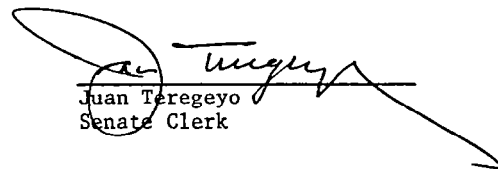
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- 1 Section 8. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its
2 approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

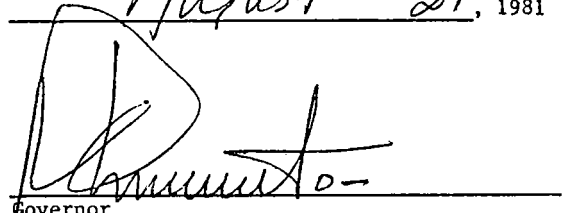

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August 21, 1981

Governor
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