



1 agrees to the amendment, the request shall be considered approved as  
 2 amended, except that the Lieutenant Governor may choose not to carry  
 3 out the reprogramming if he does not concur with the amendment. If  
 4 one Committee disapproves the request and the other does not, or if  
 5 the two Committees do not agree on any amendment to the request. the  
 6 two Chairmen shall arrange a joint meeting of the two Committees to  
 7 discuss their differences in an attempt to resolve them and to arrive  
 8 at a solution, if possible. before taking final action on the request.  
 9 Notwithstanding the procedure set forth in the preceding five sentences  
 10 of this section, such reprogramming request may be approved by the  
 11 Legislature by concurrent resolution at any time prior to the  
 12 expiration of such five-day period.

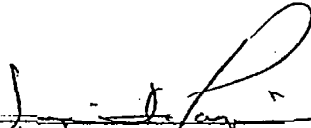
13 Section 5. Administrative Guidelines. The detailed worksheets,  
 14 schedules and tables submitted to the Legislature by the Governor, as  
 15 modified to reflect the amounts appropriated and allocated in this Act,  
 16 are to be used by the Lieutenant Governor as administrative guidelines  
 17 for the purpose of allocating funds appropriated by this Act.

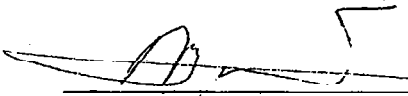
18 Section 6. Penalties. No funds appropriated by this Act shall  
 19 be paid out of the General Fund except pursuant to the provisions of  
 20 this Act. Any elected official or any officer or employee of any  
 21 branch, department, agency, commission, office or instrumentality of  
 22 the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands who  
 23 shall knowingly and wilfully violate any provision of this Act shall,  
 24 upon conviction, be fined not more than one thousand dollars or be  
 25 imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

1 or as otherwise provided by law. No employee ceiling limit imposed  
2 by this Act may be changed or reprogrammed except with the approval  
3 of the Legislature as provided in this section. No funds shall be  
4 reprogrammed other than to another item in this Act, except pursuant  
5 to a reallocation or change under Article III, Section 15 of the  
6 Constitution. Subject to the restrictions of this Act, the Lieutenant  
7 Governor, with the approval of the Governor, may reprogram funds between  
8 the items in this Act in any amount that does not increase or decrease  
9 the amount of either such item by more than twenty percent. Notice of  
10 such reprogramming shall be reported in writing to the Chairman of the  
11 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the  
12 Chairman of the Committee on Fiscal Affairs of the Senate not later  
13 than three working days after the date the Lieutenant Governor takes  
14 such reprogramming action. If the reprogramming would result in more  
15 than the percent change, cumulative and in total for the fiscal year,  
16 permitted by this section, or requests a change or reprogramming of  
17 any employee ceiling limit imposed by this Act, the proposal shall be  
18 submitted in writing to the two Chairmen for approval by the Legislature  
19 before the transfer of funds or other change takes place. Such  
20 reprogramming request shall be considered approved by the Legislature  
21 if it has not been disapproved by either Committee within five calendar  
22 days from the date of its acknowledged official receipt. Either  
23 Committee may propose to amend the request. If the other committee  
24 does not agree to such an amendment within the five-day period, the  
25 request shall be considered disapproved. If the other Committee


1 Section 7. Severability. If any provision of this Act, or the  
2 application of any such provision to any person or circumstance, shall  
3 be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder  
4 of this Act, or the application of such provision to persons or  
5 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid, shall  
6 not be affected thereby.

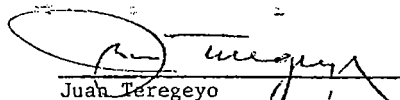
7 Section 8. Effective Date. **This** Act shall take **effect** upon **its**  
8 approval by the Governor, or upon **its** becoming law without **such** approval.

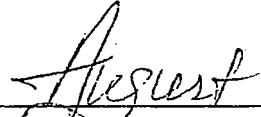
  
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Speaker of the House

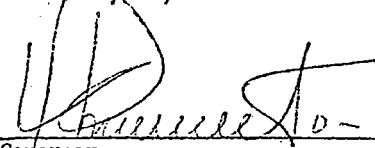
  
Pedro P. Tenorio  
President of the Senate

ATTEST:

  
Esteban I. Pangelinan  
House Clerk

  
Juan Teregeyo  
Senate Clerk

  
August 21, 1981

  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands