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1           Section 3. Prohibition. No obligation, expenditure, agreement or  
2 contract for expenditure of Commonwealth Funds appropriated by this Act  
3 shall be made for any purpose other than the purposes for which the  
4 funds are appropriated and only as authorized by the Representative to  
5 the United States or his designee. No funds appropriated by this Act  
6 shall be obligated, encumbered or otherwise committed after September  
7 30, 1981.

8           Section 4. Reprogramming. No other funds appropriated by this  
9 Act shall be reprogrammed or reallocated except pursuant to this  
10 section, or as otherwise provided by law. No employee ceiling limit  
11 imposed in this Act may be changed or **reprogrammed** except with the  
12 approval of the Legislature as provided in this section. Subject to  
13 the restrictions of this Act, the Representative to the United States  
14 may reprogram funds between or among any item in this Act in any  
15 amount that does not increase or decrease the amount of any such item  
16 by more than twenty percent. Notice of such reprogramming shall be  
17 reported in writing to the Governor and the Chairman of the Committee  
18 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Chairman of  
19 the Committee on Fiscal Affairs of the Senate not later than three  
20 working days after the date the Representative to the United States  
21 takes such reprogramming action. If the reprogramming would result in  
22 more than the percent change, cumulative and in total for the fiscal  
23 year, permitted by this section, or requests a change or reprogramming  
24 of any employee ceiling limit imposed by this Act, the proposal shall  
25 be submitted in writing to the two chairmen for approval by the

1 Legislature before the transfer of funds or other change takes place.  
2 Such reprogramming request shall be considered approved by the  
3 Legislature if it has not been disapproved by either Committee within  
4 five calendar days from the date of its acknowledged official receipt.  
5 Either Committee may propose to amend the request. If the other  
6 Committee does not agree to such an amendment within the five-day  
7 period, the request shall be considered disapproved. If the other  
8 Committee agrees to the amendment, the request shall be considered  
9 approved as amended, except that the requesting official may choose  
10 not to carry out the reprogramming if he does not concur with the  
11 amendment. If one committee disapproves the request and the other  
12 does not, or if the two Committees do not agree on any amendment to  
13 the request, the two Chairmen shall arrange a joint meeting of the  
14 two Committees to discuss their differences in an attempt to resolve  
15 them and to arrive at a solution, if possible, before taking final  
16 action on the request. Notwithstanding the procedure set forth in  
17 the preceding five sentences of this section, such reprogramming  
18 request may be approved by the Legislature by concurrent resolution  
19 at any time prior to the expiration of such five-day period.

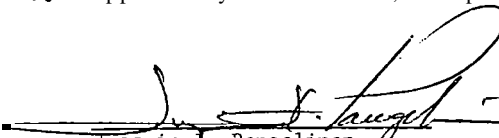
20 Section 5. Administrative Guidelines. The detailed worksheets,  
21 schedules and tables submitted to the Legislature by the Governor, as  
22 modified to reflect the amounts appropriated and allocated in this  
23 Act, are to be used by the Representative to the United States as  
24 administrative guidelines for the purpose of allocating funds  
25 appropriated by this Act.

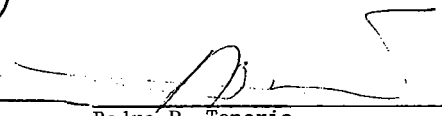
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1           Section 6. Penalties. No funds appropriated by this Act shall  
2 be paid out of the General Fund except pursuant to the provisions of  
3 this Act. Any elected official or any officer or employee of any  
4 branch, department, agency, commission, office or instrumentality of  
5 the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
6 who shall knowingly and wilfully violate any provision of this Act  
7 shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars  
8 or be imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

9           Section 7. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the  
10 application of any such provision to any person or circumstance shall  
11 be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder  
12 of this Act, or the application of such provision to persons or  
13 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not  
14 be affected thereby.

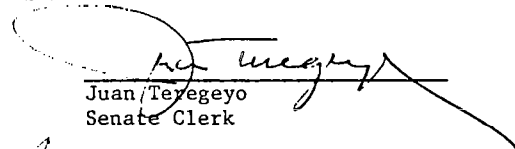
15           Section 8. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its  
16 approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

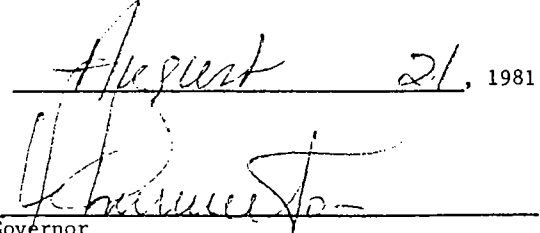
  
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House Clerk

ATTEST:

  
Juan Teregeyo  
Senate Clerk

  
August 21, 1981  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands