



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


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


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

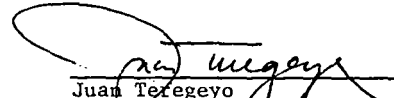
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- 1 Section 8. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its
  - 2 approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

  
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Speaker of the Rouse

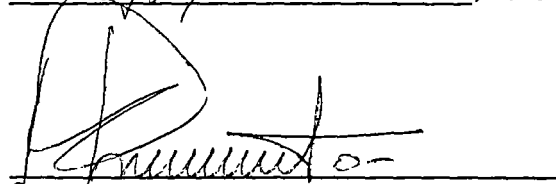
  
Pedro P. Tenorio  
President of the Senate

ATTEST:

  
Esteban I. Pangelinan  
House Clerk

  
Juan Teregeyo  
Senate Clerk

August 21, 1981

  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands