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AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Department of Commerce and Labor for Fiscal Year 1981, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1           Section 1. Purpose. This Act appropriates funds from the General Fund  
2 for the non-capital operations and activities of the Department of Commerce  
3 and Labor for Fiscal Year 1981, commencing October 1, 1980 extending through  
4 September 30, 1981.

5           Section 2. Appropriation. For the non-capital operations and activities of  
6 the Department of **Commerce** and Labor the following sums are hereby appropriated  
7 from the General Fund:

8           (a) Office of the Director:

9                   Item 1. For personal services and personnel benefits  
10   for not more than 3 employees, including the  
11   Director of Commerce and Labor ..... \$ 45,200  
12                   Item 2. For all other necessary expenditures ..... \$ 32,200

13           (b) Economic Development Division:

14                   Item 3. For personal services and personnel benefits  
15   for not more than 2 employees in Rota .... \$ 16,700  
16                   Item 4. For personal services and personnel  
17   benefits for not more than 3 employees  
18   in Tinian and Aguiguan ..... \$ 11,000  
19                   Item 5. For personal services and personnel  
20   benefits for not more than 7 employees  
21   in Saipan and the Northern Islands ..... \$ 37,600

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1	Item 6.	For all other necessary expenditures	
2		in Rota .....	\$ <u>3,000</u>
3	Item 7.	For all other necessary expenditures	
4		in Tinian and Aguiguan .....	\$ <u>2,800</u>
5	Item 8.	For all other necessary expenditures in	
6		Saipan and the Northern Islands .....	\$ <u>14,400</u>
7	(c)	<u>Labor Division:</u>	
8	Item 9.	For personal services and personnel benefits	
9		for not more than 10 employees .....	\$ <u>70,100</u>
10	Item 10.	For all other necessary expenditures .....	\$ <u>10,500</u>
11	(d)	<u>Statistics:</u>	
12	Item 11.	For personal services and personnel benefits	
13		for not more than 4 employees .....	\$ <u>25,500</u>
14	Item 12.	For all other necessary expenditures .....	\$ <u>8,300</u>

15 Section 3. Prohibition. No obligation, expenditure, agreement or contract  
16 for expenditure of Commonwealth Funds appropriated by this Act shall be made for  
17 any purpose other than the purposes for which the funds are appropriated and only  
18 as authorized by the Director of Commerce and Labor or his designee. No funds  
19 appropriated by this Act shall be obligated, encumbered or otherwise committed  
20 after September 30, 1981 excepted as provided by this Act.

21 Section 4. Reprogramming. No funds appropriated by this Act shall be  
22 reprogrammed or reallocated except pursuant to this section, or as otherwise  
23 provided by law. No employee ceiling limit imposed by this Act may be changed  
24 or reprogrammed except with the approval of the Legislature as provided in this  
25 section. No funds shall be reprogrammed other than to another item in this Act,

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

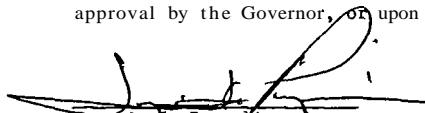
1 if possible, before taking final action on the request. Notwithstanding the  
2 procedure set forth in the preceding five sentences of this section, such  
3 reprogramming request ~~may be~~ approved by the Legislature by concurrent  
4 resolution at any time prior to the expiration of such five-day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


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

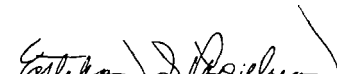
10 Section 6. Penalties. No funds appropriated by this Act shall be paid  
11 out of the General Fund except pursuant to the provisions of this Act. Any  
12 elected official or any officer or employee of any branch, department, agency,  
13 commission, office or instrumentality of the Government of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

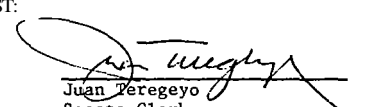
17 Section 7. Severability. If any provision of this Act, or the  
18 application of any such provision to any person or circumstance, shall be  
19 held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this  
20 Act, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other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

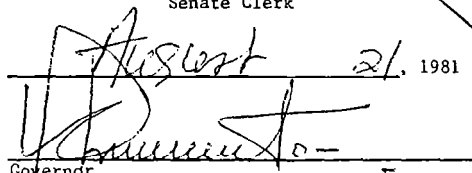
22 Section 8. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its  
approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

  
Joaquín I. Pangelinan  
Speaker of the House

  
Pedro P. Tenorio  
President of the Senate

  
Esteban I. Pangelinan  
House Clerk

ATTEST:  
  
Juan Peregoyo  
Senate Clerk

  
August 21, 1981  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands