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The Honorable Ponciano C. Rasa President of the Senate Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Saipan, CM 96950

and

The Honorable Vicente M. Sablan Speaker, House of Representatives Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Saipan, CM 96950

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law House Bill No. 139, entitled "An Act to amend 8 CMC, Section 1202(a) to increase the license fee for marriage between two noncitizens or between a noncitizen and citizen of the Trust Territory", which was passed by the Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

It is necessary that the existing fee of \$2.00 for marriage license fee be raised, since it does not even begin to cover the cost of processing a marriage license, let alone other required documents necessary for recording purpose.

This bill becomes Public Law No. 4-17. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded herewith for your ready reference.

Sincerely,

EDRO P TENORIO

Governor

PUBLIC LAW NO. 4-17 H.B. NO. <u>139</u>

## FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1984

AN ACT To amend 8 CMC Section 1202(a) to increase the license fee for marriage between two noncitizens or between a noncitizen and citizen of the Trust Territory.
Offered by Representative Benigno M. Sablan, Victor B. Hocog,
Juan T. Guerrero, Juan B. Tudela, Benigno R. Fitial, Pedro R. Guerrero
Jose R. Lifoifoi, and Juan S. Torres
Date:July 18, 1984
House Action
First and Final Reading: July 18, 1984
Senate Action
Referred to: Committee on Fiscal Affairs
Standing Committee Report No. 4-59
Second Reading: October 11, 1984

Daniel O. Quitugua Clerk House of Representatives

PUBLIC LAW NO. 4-17 HOUSE BILL NO. 139

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1984

## AN ACT

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Short Title. This Act may be cited as the Marriage License Fee Act of 1984.

Section 2. Findings. The Legislature finds that the marriage license fee in 8 CMC Section 1202(a) is insufficient to recover costs of performing the services.

Section 3. Amendment. 8 CMC Section 1202(a) is amended to read:

"(a) The Governor or a Mayor is authorized to grant a license for marriage between two noncitizens or between a noncitizen and citizen of the Trust Territory. Upon the filing of an application for the license, the Governor or a Mayor shall collect from the parties making the application the sum of \$25 to be remitted to the Commonwealth Treasurer."

Section 4. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Sablan Vicente M.

Speaker of the House

Daniel O. Quitugua Chief Clerk

ATTEST:

October 25, 1984

Pedro P. Tenorio
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands