

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Office of the Governor  
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

22 FEB 1991

The Honorable Pedro R. Guerrero  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Seventh Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

and

The Honorable Joseph S. Inos  
Senate President  
Seventh Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

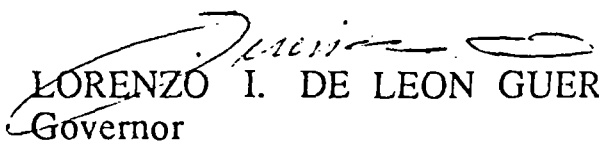
Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law House Bill No. 7-168, the Commonwealth State Funeral Amendment Act of 1990, which was passed by the Seventh Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

It is felt that the law enforcement officers and firefighters are not accorded the full honor of a Commonwealth State Funeral because of the eligibility criteria contained in the present law. This bill addresses this concern, as it would include police and fire officers who are killed during off duty, and also those who have retired, in the list of those persons eligible for Commonwealth State Funeral.

House Bill No. 7-168 becomes Public Law No. 7-23. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

  
LORENZO I. DE LEON GUERRERO  
Governor

CC: Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review  
Director of Public Safety

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SEVENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1991

PUBLIC LAW NO. 7-23

HOUSE BILL NO. 7-168

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AN ACT

To amend 1 CMC, Article 5, Section 453(g) to provide for a Commonwealth State Funeral to police and fire officers killed in the line of duty; police and fire officers killed during off duty; and retire police and fire officers.

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Offered by Representatives: Mametto U. Maratita,  
Francisco B. Evangelista, Antonio O. Quituqua, Juan S. Reyes,  
Juan I. Tenorio and Thomas P. Villagomez

Date: August 31, 1990

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**HOUSE ACTION**

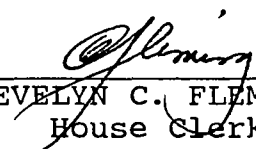
First Reading: August 31, 1990

Second and Final Reading: September 6, 1990

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**SENATE ACTION**

Second and Final Reading: January 22, 1991

  
EVELYN C. FLEMING  
House Clerk

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 1990

AN ACT

To amend 1 CMC, Article 5, Section 453(g) to provide for a Commonwealth State Funeral to police and fire officers killed in the line of duty; police and fire officers killed during off duty; and retired police and fire officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. Short Title. This Act may be cited as the  
2 "Commonwealth State Funeral Amendment Act of 1990."

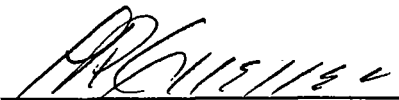
3 Section 2. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds  
4 that a number of dedicated Commonwealth police and fire  
5 officers have died without being accorded the full honor of a  
6 Commonwealth State Funeral. This practice is demoralizing to  
7 these professionals who have devoted their lives' to  
8 protecting the people of the Commonwealth.

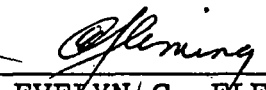
9 Section 3. Amendment. 1 CMC, Article 5, Section 453(g)  
10 is hereby amended to read:

11 "Section 453 (g). Commonwealth police and fire  
12 officers killed in the line of duty; police and fire  
13 officers killed during off duty; retired police and fire  
14 officers."


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

CERTIFIED AND ATTESTED TO BY:

  
PEDRO R. DELEON GUERRERO  
Speaker of the House

  
EVELYN C. FLEMING  
House Clerk

APPROVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 1991

  
LORENZO I. DE LEON GUERRERO  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands