

SEVENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 1991

SENATE BILL NO. 7-73

AN ACT

To add a new section to Title 3, CMC, Division 1, Chapter 3, Article IV of the Postsecondary Education Act of 1984 to provide scholarships for two graduating high school students with the highest scholastic standing in their class to attend any accredited college or university in the Commonwealth or the United States or its territories; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

- 1 Section 1. Short Title. This Act may be cited as the
2 "Postsecondary Education Scholarship Act of 1990".
- 3 Section 2. Purpose. It is the purpose of this Act to
4 provide scholarships for two graduating high school students
5 with the highest scholastic standing in their class to attend
6 any accredited college or university in the Commonwealth or
7 the United States or its territories.
- 8 Section 3. Students Entitled to Scholarships: Amount of
9 Scholarships. There are hereby established annual
10 scholarships to any accredited college or university in the
11 Commonwealth or the United States or its territories to
12 include textbooks, tuition, reasonable fixed stipend, room and
13 board, other school fees, and costs and transportation, for a
14 period of four (4) years and not more than five (5) years.
15 Recipients of said scholarships shall be the two graduating
16 high school students who are the valedictorian and
17 salutatorian in each graduating class of Rota and Tinian high
18 schools. There shall be four (4) recipients from Saipan.
19 They shall be the graduates with the highest scholastic
20 standing from all the high schools on Saipan recommended by

1 their high schools and selected by the Northern Marianas
2 College Board of Regents. To be eligible for the award of a
3 scholarship granted under this Section, a student must be a
4 U.S. citizen or a U.S. National and a bonafide resident of the
5 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for a period of
6 at least two (2) years immediately preceding the date of the
7 award thereof. In the event that any student is ineligible
8 because of his or her failure to meet any of the stated
9 requirements or refuses the scholarship, the scholarship shall
10 be awarded to the student next highest in scholastic rank.

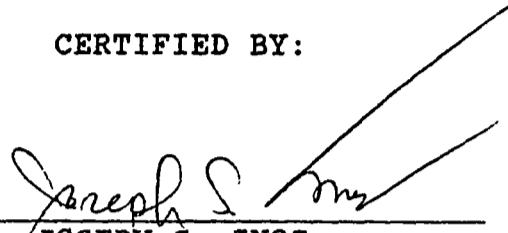
11 Should a student whose parents are bonafide residents of
12 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, graduate as
13 one of the top two students, scholastically, from a high
14 school in the United States or its territories, then such a
15 student would also be an eligible recipient of said
16 scholarship, provided, however, the total of said scholarships
17 awarded to students attending high school off-island shall not
18 exceed two per annum. In the event that more than two
19 students attending high school outside the Commonwealth
20 qualify for a scholarship, the Board of Regents shall select
21 the recipients on the basis of course of study, size and type
22 of school, grade point average or other such criteria as the
23 Board may determine.

24 Section 4. Administration. The Northern Marianas
25 College Board of Regents shall budget sufficient funds to
26 carry out the purposes of this Act and administer the
27 scholarships as provided herein and pursuant to appropriate
28 regulations promulgated by the Northern Marianas College.

29 Section 5. Severability. If any portion of this Act is
30 held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the
31 remainder of this Act shall not be affected thereby.

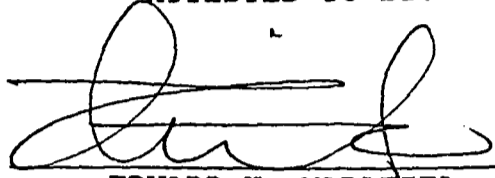
1 Section 6. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect
2 upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
3 without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:




JOSEPH S. INOS
President of the Senate

ATTESTED TO BY:



EDWARD U. MARATITA
Senate Legislative Secretary

APPROVED this 20th day of JUNE, 1991.



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