
AN ACT

To amend the Coastal Resources Management Act [2 CMC section 1511, subsections (a) (11) and (17)], in order to assert Commonwealth laws and standards as prevailing over federal laws and standards; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds that
2 Commonwealth environmental policies and needs are frequently
3 subordinated to federal standards and policies which, although
4 good in intent, bear little relevance to Commonwealth needs,
5 subordinate self-determination to federal intervention and
6 result in unnecessary conflict. Such conflict is contrary to
7 the long term economic and political interests of the
8 Commonwealth.

9 Section 2. Amendment. 2 CMC, Section 1511(a),
10 Subsection (11) is amended to read as follows:

11 "(11) Recognize and respect locations and
12 properties of historical significance throughout the
13 Commonwealth, and ensure that development which would
14 disrupt, alter, or destroy these, is subject to
15 Commonwealth laws and regulations."

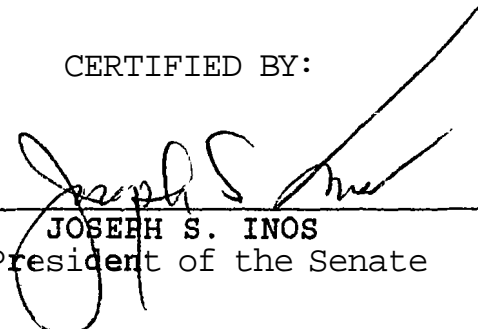
16 Section 3. Amendment. 2 CMC, Section 1511(a),
17 Subsection (17) is amended to read as follows:

18 "(17) Protect all coastal resources, particularly
19 sand, corals and fish from taking beyond sustainable
20 levels and in the case of marine mammals and any species
21 on the Commonwealth Endangered Species List, from any
22 taking whatsoever."

1 Section 4. Severability. Should a court of competent
2 jurisdiction hold any portion of this Act to be invalid, the
3 remainder of this Act shall not be affected by such holding.

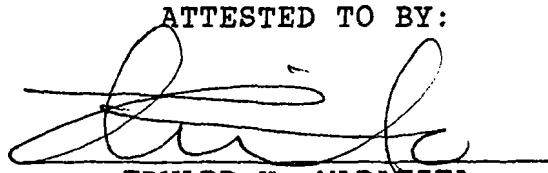
4 Section 5. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect
5 upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
6 without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:




JOSEPH S. INOS
President of the Senate

ATTESTED TO BY:



EDWARD U. MARATITA
Senate Legislative Secretary

Approved this 30th day of Dec. 1991.



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