

**TENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**PUBLIC LAW NO. 10-39**

**H. B. NO. 10-47**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1996**

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**AN ACT**

To amend Section 12 of Public Law 9-5.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

Section 1. Amendment. The first paragraph of Section 12 of Public Law 9-5 is hereby amended as follows:

"Section 12. Amendment. Subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f) of §4361 of Article 7, Chapter 3, Division 4 of Title 3 of the Commonwealth Code (3 CMC §4361) are hereby repealed in their entirety. The following subsections to §4361 are hereby enacted, and shall be read as follows:"

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Savings Clause. This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes effective.

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

**CERTIFIED BY:**

/s/ Diego T. Benavente

**ATTESTED BY:**

/s/ Evelyn C. Fleming

Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 1996.

/s/ Froilan C. Tenorio

FROILAN C. TENORIO

Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands