

**TENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**PUBLIC LAW NO. 10-61  
H.B. NO. 10-422**

**THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 1997**

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**AN ACT**

To provide for a limited exemption from P.L. 10-57 for purposes of permitting a lease of certain public lands to the United States Postal Service; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds that it is in the public interest that the Commonwealth government enter into a lease of public lands with the United States Postal Service, so that a new and modern post office may be constructed.

Public Law 10-57 requires that all leases of public land be approved by the Board of Public Lands. However, the Board has not yet been constituted, and time is of essence in this matter. Therefore, for purposes of this lease only, the Legislature finds that it is in the public interest to allow a one-time exemption from P.L. 10-57 so that the Governor may enact the lease for the new post office.

Section 2. Exemption from P.L. 10-57. Notwithstanding any provision of P.L. 10-57, the Governor is hereby authorized to enter into a lease agreement to lease those public lands known as Lots 012 H 10, 012 H 06, 012 H 43 and 012 H 40, in Chalan Kanoa village on Saipan, to the United States Postal Service. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as giving the Governor authority to enter into any lease or other transfer of any public lands, nor to enter into any lease with any other lessee.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Act should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. 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herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.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 5. 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  
DIEGO T. BENAVENTE  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

**ATTESTED BY:**

/s/ Evelyn C. Fleming  
EVELYN C. FLEMING  
House Clerk

Approved this 26th day of June, 1997

/s/ Froilan C. Tenorio  
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Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands