

TENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC LAW NO. 10-63
H.B. NO. 10-419, HD2, SD2

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 1997

AN ACT

To amend Public Law 10-57 to provide a transitional period during which powers held by Governor and the Division of Public Lands under the Department of Lands and Natural Resources under the law that existed prior to PL 10-57 with regard to homesteads shall continue for a transitional, temporary period; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Purpose. It is the purpose of this Act to amend Public Law 10-57 (PL 10-57) to provide a transitional period during which certain powers held by Governor and the Division of Public Lands under the Department of Lands and Natural Resources under the law that existed prior to PL 10-57 with regard to homesteads shall continue for a transitional temporary period. This temporary period of transition shall automatically terminate and cease to have any effect upon the earlier of either: (a) the Board of Public Lands created by PL 10-57 convenes; or, (b) after 30 (thirty) days has passed since the effective date of this Act.

Section 2. Authorization.

(a) Notwithstanding any provisions in Public Law 10-57, and only as provided in subpart (b) of this section, the powers and authority of the Governor and the Division of Public Lands under the Department of Lands and natural Resources shall continue to the same extent as provided by law prior to the effective date of Public Law 10-57 until either: the Board of Public Lands convenes, or 30 (thirty) days have passed since the effective date of this Act, whichever comes first, at which time this Act shall cease to have any effect.

(b) The transitionary powers under this Act apply only to the power and authority to: facilitate mortgage loans for homestead recipients to develop their homesteads by the transfer of deeds to and/or the execution of accommodation mortgages with the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation; and, the authority to execute accommodation mortgages with the Retirement Fund.

(c) 1 CMC § 2676, as enacted by Public Law 10-57, shall not apply to actions taken pursuant to this Section 2.

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Section 3. Authority of Board to Act. Nothing in Public Law 10-57 or any other provision of law shall be construed as precluding the Board of Pubic Lands from taking any lawful action (including convening and organizing itself), so long as a quorum of the total membership of the Board is present at a duly called meeting and the action is approved at such meeting n the manner prescribed by Pubic Law 10-57.

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:

ATTESTED BY:

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Speaker
House of Representatives

/s/ Evelyn C. Fleming
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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands