

TENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC LAW NO. 10-71
H.B. NO. 10-138, SD1

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1996

AN ACT

To amend the Commonwealth Historic Preservation Act (2 CMC, Division 4, Chapter 8) to increase the size of the Review Board to accommodate additional members required by a federal grant and to increase the penalty for violations of the Act from \$1,000 to \$10,000; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Amendment. Title 2, CMC, Division 4, Section 4821 (P.L. No. 3-39, Section 6) is amended to read:

"Section 4821. Review Board: Establishment and Composition. "There is hereby established a Review Board to consist of nine members appointed by the Governor. The provisions of Section 2901 of Title 1 of this Code does not apply to the composition of the Review Board."

Section 2. Amendment. 2 CMC, Div. 4, Section 4823(c) is amended to read:

"(c) Five members of the Review Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of its official business."

Section 3. Amendment. Title 1, CMC, Division 4, Section 4842 (P.L. No. 3-39, Section 12) is amended to read:

"Section 4842. Penalties. "Any person who, individually or acting for any business, corporation or other entity, knowingly and willingly violates any provision of this chapter or any valid rule or regulation promulgated under this Act shall be fined not more than \$10,000 dollars per day or imprisoned not more than one year, or both."

Section 4. Severability. If any Section of this Act should be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act shall not be affected thereby.

Section 5. 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herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.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

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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 6. 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:

/s/ Diego T. Benavente
DIEGO T. BENAVENTE
Speaker
House of Representatives

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

Approved this 3rd day of October, 1997

/s/ Froilan C. Tenorio
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Governor
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