

**ELEVENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

PUBLIC LAW NO. 11-30
SENATE BILL
NO. 11-12

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1998

AN ACT

To amend Section 6(j) of Public Law No. 8-5 to allow the use of private firearms at shooting galleries; and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Findings: The Legislature finds that at present, the law governing shooting galleries prohibits the use of private firearms at such establishments. The Legislature also finds that this restriction has forced many licensed firearm owners to conduct target practice in places aside from the safety of shooting galleries, and such practice poses a threat to the life and property of the public at large. The Legislature further finds that in order to secure the safety of the public from stray bullets from unregulated target practices, the use of private firearms should be allowed in shooting galleries.

Section 2. Amendment: Section 6(j) of Public Law No. 8-5 is amended to read:

(j) “Shooting gallery customers may use those firearms provided by the shooting gallery or their own private firearms. Customers opting to use their own private firearms must first present evidence of a current firearm license and firearm registration.”

Section 3. 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 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herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.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:

ATTESTED TO BY:

/s/ Paul A. Manglona
PAUL A. MANGLONA
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

/s/ Edward U. Maratita
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SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

Approved this 18th day of August, 1998.

/s/ Pedro P. Tenorio
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GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS