

TWELFTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2000

PUBLIC LAW NO. 12-30

SENATE BILL

NO. 12-80

AN ACT

To amend certain provisions of Public Law No. 12-19, known as the “Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Act of 2000”; and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to amend certain provisions of Public Law No. 12-19, to address the concern raised by the court to provide consistency and clarity to some provisions of the law.

Section 2. Amendments. The following sections and sub-sections of Public Law No. 12-19 are hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 202(d)(3) is hereby deleted.
2. Section 205(e) is hereby deleted.
3. Section 210 is amended to read as follows:
“Section 210. Mutual orders for protection prohibited. A court may grant mutual orders for protection to opposing parties where the court deems it in the best interest of the parties.”

4. Section 212 is amended to read as follows:
“Section 212. Court costs and fees. Court cost and fees shall be in accordance and pursuant to 7 CMC § 3201 and 1 CMC § 3403.”

Section 3. Notification. The Law Revision Commission is hereby notified to renumber sections or subsections affected by this amendments.

Section 4. 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 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herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.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 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.

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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/ Paul A. Manglona
PAUL A. MANGLONA
President of the Senate

/s/ Joaquin G. Adriano
JOAQUIN G. ADRIANO
Senate Legislative Secretary

Approved this 14th day of November, 2000

/s/ Pedro P. Tenorio
PEDRO P. TENORIO
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands