

**TWELFTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2000**

*PUBLIC LAW NO. 12-38*

**H. B. NO. 12-053, HD1**

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**AN ACT**

To amend 1 CMC, Division 8, Chapter 3, § 8131 (a) (2); and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Amendment. 1 CMC, Division 8, Chapter 3, § 8131 (a) (2) is hereby amended to read as follows:

“§ 8131 (a) (2). Persons or organizations retained by contract where the Personnel Officer has certified that the service to be performed is special or unique and is essential to the public interest, and that, because of the degree of services to be performed, it would not be practical to obtain personnel to perform such service through normal public service recruitment procedures.”

Section 2. Applicability. This Act shall apply to all current, prior and future excepted service contracts with the Commonwealth government.

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. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon it becoming law without such approval.

**CERTIFIED BY:**

/s/ Benigno R. Fitial  
**BENIGNO R. FITIAL**  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

**ATTESTED TO BY:**

/s/ Evelyn C. Fleming  
**EVELYN C. FLEMING**  
HOUSE CLERK

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001

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