

TWELFTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

Public Law 12-53

SENATE BILL

NO. 12-100

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2001

AN ACT

To amend 2 CMC, Div. 4, § 4382; and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Short Title. This act may be cited as “Rota Agricultural Homestead Amendment Act of 2001”.

Section 2. Amendment. 2 CMC, Div. 4, § 4382 is amended to read:

“§ 4382. Designation of Homestead Areas. Such areas of public lands on the island of Rota as may be suitable for agricultural purposes, and which are not required for government use or reserved for other purposes by any other provision law, including those areas of public land being farmed or used for raising livestock by qualified applicants shall be designated by the Board of Public Lands on behalf of the Commonwealth Government for homesteading purposes. Such areas may, in accordance with the provisions of this law, be allotted to qualified persons for the purposes of farming with the right to acquire title upon fulfillment of the conditions prescribed in this article.”

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application to 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 provision 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herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repeaters 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
President of the Senate

/s/ _____

JOAQUIN G. ADRIANO
Senate Legislative Secretary

Disapproved this 2nd day of April, 2001

/s/ _____

PEDRO P. TENORIO
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Overridden by the Senate on April 5, 2001 and the House of Representatives on May 29, 2001 with the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members in each House.

CERTIFIED BY:

/s/ _____
PAUL A. MANGLONA
President of the Senate

/s/ _____
BENIGNO R. FITIAL
Speaker of the House