

TWELFTH NORTHERN **MARIANAS** COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2001

PUBLIC LAW NO. 12-77

SENATEBILL
NO. 12-121

AN ACT

To amend Section 3, of PL **12- 14**; and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Short Title. This act may be cited as the “Fair Fishing Amendment Act of 2001”.

Section 2. Findings. The **legislature** finds that Section 3, of PL 12-14, is difficult to enforce without a clear marking of the 1,000 feet outside the reef or lagoon on the **coastal waters** of the Commonwealth. The Division of **Fish** and **Wildlife** have recommended to do away with the 1,000 feet.

Section 3. Amendment. Section 3, of PL **12-14**, is hereby amended to read:

“Section 3. Non-traditional Fishing Methods Prohibited. It **shall** be **unlawful** for any **commercial** and non-commercial fishermen to use explosives, poisons, electric shocking devices, scuba tank or **hookah** when fishing for reef fish and harvesting other marine life within the waters of the Commonwealth.”

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herein **shall** not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.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

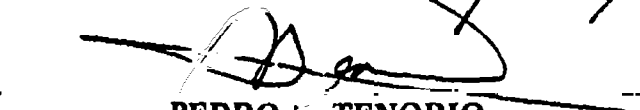
CERTIFIED BY:


PAUL A. MANGLONA
President of the Senate

ATTESTED BY:


JOAQUIN G. ADRIANO
Senate Legislative Secretary

Approved this 30th day of November, 2001


PEDRO G. TENORIO
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands