

**TWELFTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 2001**

***PUBLIC LAW NO. 12-83***  
**SENATE BILL**  
**NO. 12-128, SD1**

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**AN ACT**

To establish the crime of Terroristic Threatening in the Commonwealth.

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

**Section 1. Findings.** The Legislature finds that the integrity of the Commonwealth's schools, courthouses, hospitals and other public buildings is suffering because of an increase in phone threats and other activities of a terrorist nature. The productivity of these public institutions is impaired as a result of the emergency evacuation of public buildings in order to ascertain whether the threats are real and thus guarantee the safety of the general public. The Legislature **finds** that the **frequency** and severity of these threats has risen to the level where the conduct needs to be criminalized, in order to stop these disruptions to the public welfare.

**Section 2. Title.** This act shall be known as the Terroristic Threatening Act.

**Section 3.** A new section is added to the criminal code, as follows:

6 CMC § 3 112. Terroristic Threatening.

(a) A person commits the crime of terroristic threatening if the person knowingly makes a false report that a circumstance dangerous to human **life** exists or is about to exist and

- (1) places a person in fear of physical injury to any person;
- (2) causes evacuation of a building; or
- (3) causes serious public inconvenience.


(b) A person convicted under this section may be punished by imprisonment for a term not to exceed ten years, or a fine not to exceed Ten Thousand **Dollars** (\$1 0,000.00), or both.

**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.

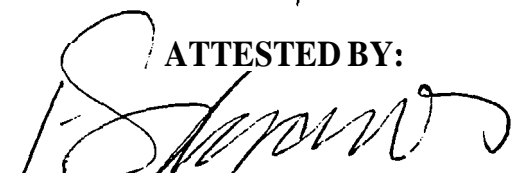
Section 5. **Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect 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 is already in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

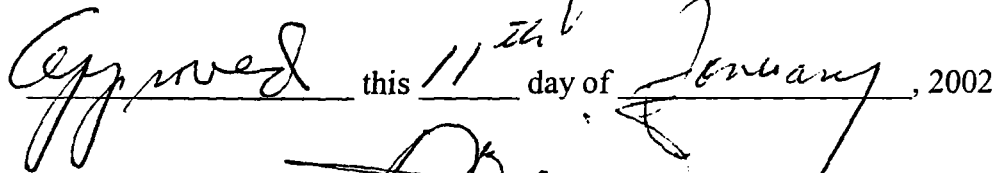
**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

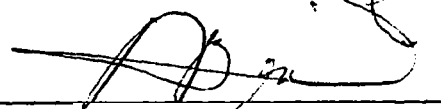
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**PAUL A. MANGLONA**  
President of the Senate

**ATTESTED BY:**

  
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**JOAQUIN G. ADRIANO**  
Senate Legislative Secretary

  
Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2002

  
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**PEDRO P. TENORIO**  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands