

**THIRTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2002**

*Public Law 13-19*  
**H. B. NO. 13-156**

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**AN ACT**

To increase the tax on gaming device jackpots; and for other purposes.

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

**Section 1. Gaming Machine Jackpot Tax.** 4 CMC § 1505 is amended by deleting “10 percent” and enacting in its stead, “20 percent.”

**Section 2. Severability.** If any provisions 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 3. 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herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.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 the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor, or it becoming law without such approval.

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**ATTESTED TO BY:**

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

**HEINZ S. HOFSCHEIDER**  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

**EVELYN C. FLEMING**  
HOUSE CLERK

**APPROVED this 15th day of August, 2002**

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

**JUAN N. BABAUTA**  
**GOVERNOR**

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS