

THIRTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2002

*Public Law 13-33*  
**H. B. NO. 13-195**

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AN ACT

TO AMEND 4 CMC § 1503(C), CREATED BY SECTION 1503(C) OF PUBLIC LAW 9-22; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

**Section 1. Findings.** Businesses that rely on revenues generated by poker machines are having difficulty remaining solvent during the current economic slump. The Legislature finds that such businesses need more flexibility in paying their license fees. This Act will allow payment of poker machine license fees on a quarterly basis.

**Section 2. Amendment.** 4 CMC § 1503(c), created by section 1503(c) of Public Law 9-22, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(c) A minimum initial deposit of 25% of the total annual poker license fee shall be paid prior to issuance of a license. The remaining balance for that license year shall be due on the first day of the month of each quarter and thereafter in equal installments. Failure to comply with the above provisions shall result in the revocation of the poker license.”

**Section 3. 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 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herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. 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 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming law without such approval and remain in effect for a period of three (3) calendar years, after which it shall expire without further action and § 1503(c) of Public Law 9-22 shall be automatically reinstated in full force and effect.

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**ATTESTED TO BY:**

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

**HEINZ S. HOFSCHEIDER**

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

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

**EVELYN C. FLEMING**

HOUSE CLERK

**Approved this 27th day of November, 2002**

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

**JUAN N. BABAUTA**

**GOVERNOR**

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS