



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
FOURTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2004

PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-14  
**H. B. No. 14-170, HS1**

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**AN ACT**

To amend 2 CMC §§ 5106(b) and 5107, as amended by Public Law No. 13-8.

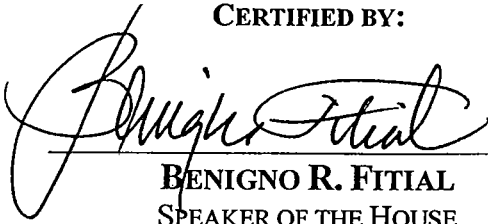
**BE IT ENACTED BY THE FOURTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

**Section 1. Statement of Purpose and Findings.** The Legislature finds that the Department of Lands and Natural Resources has received over \$2 million dollars annually for the past twenty-five years from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for projects that directly benefit the people of the Commonwealth. These projects include, but are not limited to, construction of the Smiling Cove Marina, construction of West Harbor Marina Project in Rota, construction of boat launching ramps, assembly and deployment of Fish Aggregation Devices (FADS), conducting marine surveys, and fish stock studies. The Legislature further finds that this constant source of federal funds will no longer be made available to the CNMI unless a technical amendment is made to the enabling legislation thereby assuring the federal government that any fish and hunting license fees raised by the DFW is not diverted to the General Fund but remains in the Fish and Game Conservation Revolving Fund. This Act makes the appropriate amendments to pertinent sections of the Fish, Game and Endangered Species Act, 2 CMC §§ 5101 et seq.

**Section 2. Amendment.** Subsection (b) of 2 CMC § 5106 and the last sentence of 2 CMC § 5107, as amended by Public Law No. 13-8, are hereby deleted.

Section 3. **Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon becoming law without such approval.

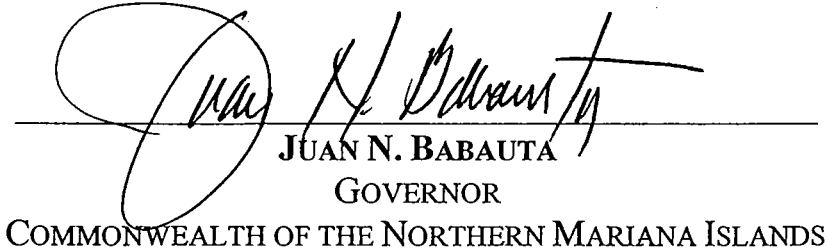
CERTIFIED BY:

  
BENIGNO R. FTIAL  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

ATTESTED TO BY:

  
EVELYN C. FLEMING  
HOUSE CLERK

Approved on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004

  
JUAN N. BABAUTA  
GOVERNOR  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS