



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

PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-17
H. B. NO. 14-169, SD1

AN ACT

To waive any statute of limitation defense against current and former employees who were entitled to the payment of retroactive salary adjustment compensation under Public Law No. 7-31; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FOURTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Findings. The purpose of this Act is to provide that any statute of limitation defense shall be deemed waived as against current and former employees who were entitled to the payment of retroactive salary adjustment compensation authorized under Public Law 7-31, and made payable out of funds pursuant to an appropriation. This Act also relieves the Secretary of Finance of liability for unpaid overtime compensation, where documentation of overtime hours worked was not kept or maintained.

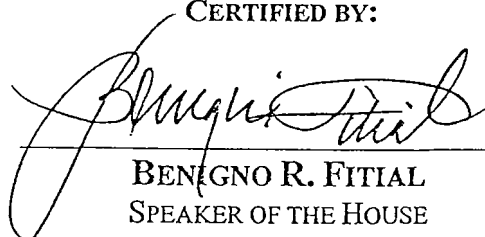
Section 2. Waiver of Statute-of-Limitations Defense; No Liability in Certain Cases.

The Secretary of Finance shall not assert the statute-of-limitations provisions of 7 CMC § 2505 as a basis for non-payment of retroactive salary adjustment compensation authorized under Public Law 7-31, which has been or will be made payable out of funds pursuant to an appropriation. Provided, that the Secretary of Finance is not liable for any claim based on denial of, or failure to make a determination of unpaid overtime compensation, where documentation of overtime hours worked was not kept or maintained by the employee, or his or her respective appointing authority, or by the Director of Personnel.

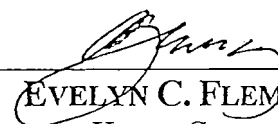
Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

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

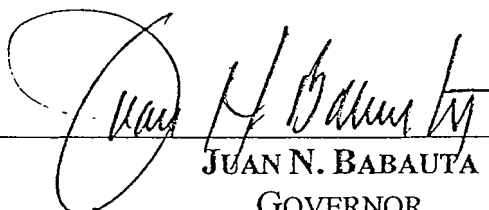
CERTIFIED BY:


BENIGNO R. FITIAL
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

ATTESTED TO BY:


EVELYN C. FLEMING
HOUSE CLERK

Approved on this 20th day of June, 2004


JUAN N. BABAUTA
GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS