



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

PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-23
H. B. No. 14-46, HD1

AN ACT

To add a new subsection (h) to 3 CMC § 5451 of the Commonwealth Code;
and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known or may be cited as the “Boating Safety Amendment Act of 2004.”

Section 2. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that one of the most important equipment required in boating safety was inadvertently not included in 3 CMC § 5451. The purpose of this Act is to add a new subsection (h) to 3 CMC § 5451, by including Distress Signals (Flares) in the list of required equipment for purpose of enhancing boating safety in the CNMI.

Section 3. Amendment. 3 CMC § 5451 is hereby amended by adding a new subsection (h) to read.

“(h) *Distress Signals (Flares).* Every vessel shall carry adequate flares on board at all times pursuant to the United States Coast Guard regulation or the CNMI Boating Safety regulations.”

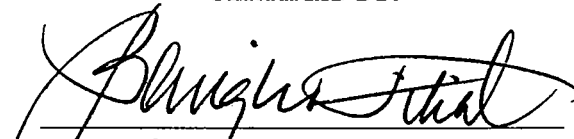
Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

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herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or required under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.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

Section 6. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon 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 30th day of July, 2004



JUAN N. BABAUTA
GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS