

FOURTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

TWELFTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2004

**PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-41
SENATE BILL
NO. 14-62**

AN ACT

To designate a portion of public lands on Tinian to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation for the development of an affordable housing subdivision for first time homeowners on Tinian; and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that the Northern Marianas
2 Housing Corporation (NMHC) has successfully developed an affordable housing
3 subdivision for first time homeowners in Koblerville on the island of Saipan. The
4 Legislature further finds that NMHC is in the process of bidding out a contract for a second
5 subdivision on the island of Saipan. Furthermore, the Legislature commends NMHC and
6 the CNMI Housing Task Force for constructing affordable homes for those Saipan residents
7 who have had difficulty in financing their first homes. However, the Legislature finds that
8 the people of Tinian should also be given the opportunity to avail of an affordable housing
9 subdivision project. The Legislature further finds that NMHC would be willing to include
10 Tinian in their affordable housing construction plans if an area of land could be made
11 available for this purpose. Therefore it is the purpose of this Act to reserve an area of land
12 on the island of Tinian for the immediate and future development of affordable housing
13 projects on the island.

14 Section 2. Designation. A portion of public land immediately southeast of the FPA
15 Quarry and north of the existing roadway connecting 8th Avenue and Broadway intersection

1 leading to Marpo Heights, shall be designated and assigned by the Marianas Public Lands
2 Authority to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation for the development of an
3 affordable housing subdivision. This area of land shall be no less than 100,000 square
4 meters to accommodate approximately 100 future house lots and homes.

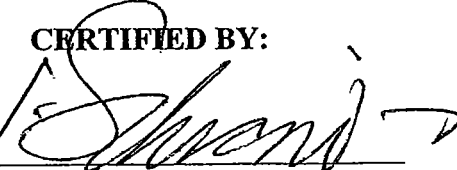
5 Section 3. Re-Designation. A portion of land presently assigned to the
6 Commonwealth Ports Authority on Tinian, which starts at the high water mark of the boat-
7 launching ramp, and extends to the West Port of Tinian shall hereby be designated and
8 assigned to the Department of Public Safety, Division of Boating Safety. This area of land
9 shall be no less than 2000 square meters.

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

14 Section 5. Savings Clause. This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
15 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
16 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers
17 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior
18 law. The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way
19 modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the date this
20 Act becomes effective.

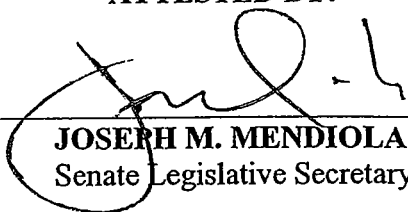
21 Section 6. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
22 Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:



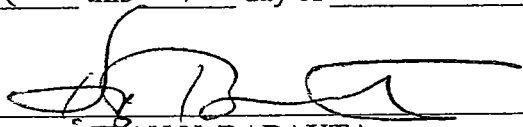
JOAQUIN G. ADRIANO
President of the Senate

ATTESTED BY:



JOSEPH M. MENDIOLA
Senate Legislative Secretary

Approved this 19th day of November, 2004



Gov. JUAN N. BABAUTA
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

