



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

Public Law No. 14-43  
**H. B. No. 14-206, HD1**

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**AN ACT**

To provide that recipients of village homestead permits must comply with all necessary requirements within three years after the permits have been issued; to provide that no permit may be revoked when no public water, electrical, and sewer services were extended to the homestead lot within a reasonable period before the end of the three years; and for other purposes.

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

**Section 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this Act is to require persons who have been awarded homestead lots to comply with all the terms and conditions of the permits within three years, after which the permit shall be subject to revocation. No permit may be revoked, however, if public water, electrical power, and sewer services were not extended to the homestead lot within a reasonable period before the end of three years.

**Section 2. Amendment.** 2 CMC § 4333(d) is amended as follows:

“(d) Establishment of inspection and compliance procedures for each designated village homestead program; provided, however, that the homesteader shall be granted a certificate of compliance three years after the issuance of a homestead permit and upon fulfillment of the requirements as established by the Marianas Public Lands Authority. MPLA may revoke a permit, if after the three-year period, the homesteader has not fulfilled the requirements and no certificate of compliance has been issued; no permit may be revoked, however, if public water, electrical power, and sewer services were not extended to the homestead lot within a reasonable time before the end of the three-year period.”

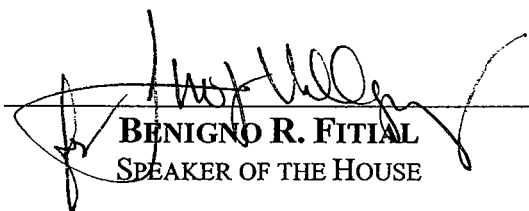
**Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to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

**Section 4. 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 under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes prior to amendment or repeal. 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 becoming law without such approval.

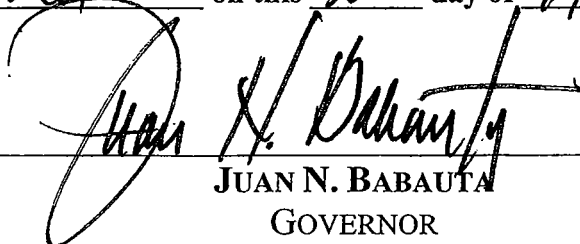
**CERTIFIED BY:**

**ATTESTED TO BY:**

  
BENIGNO R. FTIAL  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

  
EVELYN C. FLEMING  
HOUSE CLERK

Approved on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2004

  
JUAN N. BABAUTA  
GOVERNOR  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS