



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

**PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-51**  
**H. B. No. 14-209, HD1**

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**AN ACT**

To amend 6 CMC § 2204 by adding a new subsection (d) to require that Identification Card applicants attend a mandatory firearms safety education class.

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

**Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that the Department of Public Safety should conduct a mandatory firearms education class prior to the issuance of Identification Cards. The Legislature also finds that the National Rifle Association has been at the forefront of developing and implementing such training and education programs nationwide. Since 1871, a major objective of the National Rifle Association has been to provide education and training in the safe and proper use of firearms. This education will help prevent accidents by promoting the safe use of firearms.

**Section 2. Amendment.** Title 6, Section 2204 of the Commonwealth Code is hereby amended to add a new subsection (d) with the following subsections renumbered accordingly:

“(d) *Mandatory Firearms Safety Education Class.* Prior to the issuance of Identification Cards by the Department of Public Safety, applicants are required to attend a Mandatory Firearms Safety Education class (“MFSEC”). The MFSEC shall be organized and conducted as follows:

(1) The Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to establish a program to conduct these classes.

(2) The Department of Public Safety is required to provide the National Rifle Association firearms certified instructors to conduct these classes.

(3) For each firearm purchased, transferred, or renewed, applicants shall be required to attend a firearms safety class.

(4) Hunting license applicants shall be required to attend MFSEC prior to the issuance of such license.

(5) A fee of \$10.00 will be charged for the class. Fees shall be used to fund the MFSEC.”

**Section 3. Appropriation.** To the extent permissible by the terms and conditions of the federal grant, any federal grant awarded to the CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife, authorized by Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937, 50 Stat. 917 as amended; 16 U.S.C. 669h-1 shall be used to supplement the costs of conducting the Mandatory Firearms Safety Education Class.

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

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**ATTESTED TO BY:**

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**BENIGNO R. FITIAL**  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

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**EVELYN C. FLEMING**  
HOUSE CLERK

**APPROVED on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY 2005**

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**JUAN N. BABAUTA**  
GOVERNOR  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS