



THE SENATE  
FOURTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-55

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2004

SENATE BILL NO. 14-71, SD2

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AN ACT

TO AMEND 3 CMC § 4601 BY ADDING (g) TO PROVIDE FOR THE TEMPORARY LIFTING OF THE MORATORIUM ON NONRESIDENT ALIEN WORKER HIRING IN THE FIRST AND SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICTS FOR TYPHOON RELIEF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FOURTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS  
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1           Section 1. **Findings.** The Legislature finds that the First and Second Senatorial  
2 Districts have recently suffered devastating losses due to destructive typhoon activity. Crops  
3 grown for the subsistence of the residents, as well as those grown for commercial purposes  
4 were destroyed. Many residential and commercial buildings were damaged, and a few must  
5 be completely rebuilt as they were totally destroyed. Many structures are unsound.

6           The Legislature finds that these losses must be quickly remedied. For the safety of  
7 the citizenry, and to improve the economic prospects in these Districts, crops must be  
8 replanted and buildings must be repaired. The Legislature finds that the amelioration of the  
9 deleterious effects of the recent typhoon activity implicates the health, welfare and safety of  
10 the residents of the Commonwealth such that legislative action is both necessary and proper.

1 Section 2. **Amendment.** § 4601 of Title 3 of the Commonwealth Code is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following:

3 “(g) *Temporary Exemption for Typhoon Relief.* The moratorium imposed by  
4 this chapter shall not apply in the First and Second Senatorial Districts for nonresident  
5 workers in the farming or construction industries hired as provided in this subsection  
6 to ameliorate the deleterious effects of typhoon activity. Employers in the First and  
7 Second Senatorial Districts shall have six (6) months from the effective date of this  
8 act to file the paperwork, submit the fees and comply with the procedures ordinarily  
9 required by law and rule to hire a nonresident worker. The term of the contracts of  
10 nonresident workers hired pursuant to this section shall be for one year and may be  
11 renewed only until such time as the project for which they were originally hired has  
12 been completed. When the project is complete, the nonresident worker may remain  
13 employed by the employer until the remaining term of his current contract expires,  
14 only if such is agreeable to both parties; provided that no person employed pursuant  
15 to this subsection may be allowed to seek new employment or transfer to a different  
16 employer before or upon the expiration of the contract. No nonresident worker may  
17 be hired to replace an employee hired under this subsection. The number of  
18 nonresident workers hired pursuant to this subsection may not exceed 250 in each  
19 Senatorial District.”

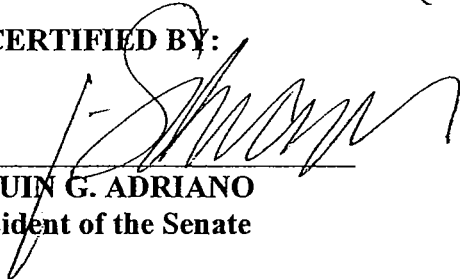
20 Section 3. **Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such  
21 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent  
22 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or

1 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

2 Section 4. Savings Clause. This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be  
3 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes  
4 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers  
5 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law.  
6 The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way, modifying,  
7 any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act  
8 becomes effective.

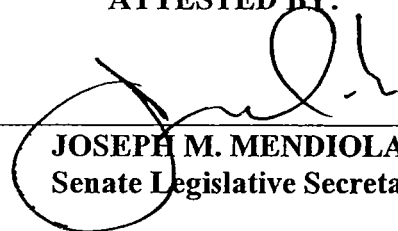
Section 5. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the  
Governor or becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:



JOAQUIN G. ADRIANO  
President of the Senate

ATTESTED BY:



JOSEPH M. MENDIOLA  
Senate Legislative Secretary

Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008<sup>th</sup>



JUAN N. BABAUTA  
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