



**THE SENATE
FOURTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2004

Public Law No. 14-60
SENATE BILL NO. 14-31, SD1

AN ACT

To amend 1 CMC § 7841 by adding a new subsection (d); and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Title. This Act shall be known as the “Whistleblowers Compensation Act
2 of 2004.”

3 Section 2. Findings and Purposes. The Legislature finds that 1 CMC § 7841 provides
4 ample protection for people who provide information concerning the possible existence of
5 any activity constituting fraud, waste and abuse in the collection and expenditure of public
6 funds. However, the Legislature finds that this program would be even more effective if the
7 people submitting this vital information were to receive monetary compensation, but only if
8 said information gives the Office of the Public Auditor an opportunity to recover public
9 funds.

10 Section 3. Amendment. 1 CMC § 7841 is hereby amended by adding new subsection
11 (d): “(d) If the person comes forward with information leading to the recovery of public
12 funds, that person shall receive a \$500.00 reward or five percent of the total recovery,
13 whichever is greater.”

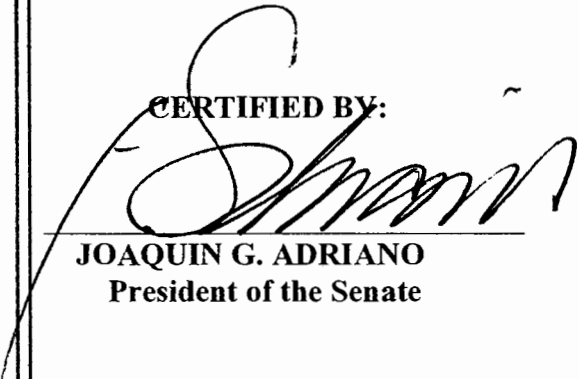
 Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent

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.

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3 repealed or under the rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.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

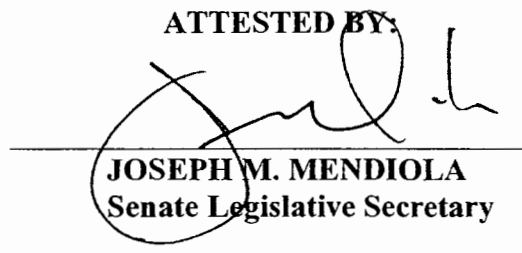
Section 6. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:



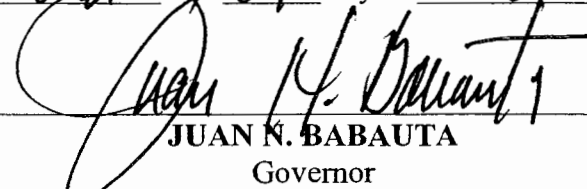
JOAQUIN G. ADRIANO
President of the Senate

ATTESTED BY:



JOSEPH M. MENDIOLA
Senate Legislative Secretary

Approved this 09th day of February, 2005



JUAN N. BABAUTA
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands