



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
FOURTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2005

Public Law No. 14-83  
**H. B. No. 14-326**

AN ACT

To amend 1 CMC § 7708(b) and adding a new subsection (d);  
and for other purposes.

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

1       **Section 1. Amendment.** 1 CMC § 7708(b) is amended to read as follows:

2               “(b) Except as provided otherwise, the unobligated balance of any expired  
3       appropriation shall be withdrawn and revert to the General Fund at the end of a 120 day  
4       period immediately following the date of such expiration. During the 120 day period,  
5       any necessary adjustment may be made, including accruals, recording of additional  
6       obligations validly made prior to such expiration, and provision for any necessary  
7       reserve to provide for correcting the amount of any outstanding obligation; provided,  
8       that no new obligation may be created against such appropriation after the expiration  
9       thereof.”

10       **Section 2. Amendment.** 1 CMC § 7708 is amended by adding a new subsection (d)  
11       to read as follows:

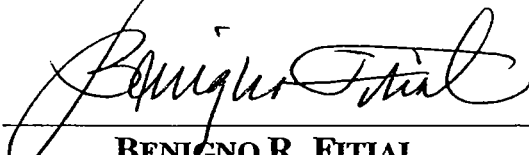
12               “(d) The unobligated balance of any expired local appropriation enacted by  
13       legislative delegation shall be withdrawn and revert to the original fund source account  
14       at the end of a 120 day period immediately following the date of such expiration.  
15       During the 120 day period, any necessary adjustment may be made, including accruals,  
16       recording of additional obligations validly made prior to such expiration, and provision  
17       for any necessary reserve to provide for correcting the amount of any outstanding  
18       obligation; provided, that no new obligation may be created against such appropriation  
19       after the expiration thereof.”

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

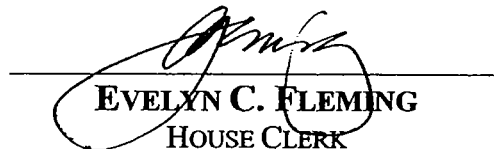
5           **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be  
6 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes  
7 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained  
8 in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

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

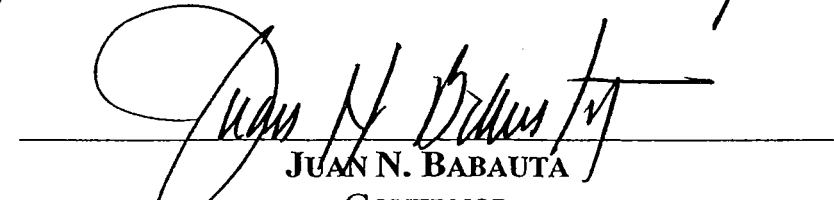
CERTIFIED BY:

  
BENIGNO R. FITIAL  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

ATTESTED TO BY:

  
EVELYN C. FLEMING  
HOUSE CLERK

Approved on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005

  
JUAN N. BABAUTA  
GOVERNOR  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

