



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

PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-93  
H. B. NO. 14-334

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AN ACT

To amend Public Law 14-50 (to include prohibition of loitering for commercial gain on a public thoroughfare by adding the beach areas); and for other purposes.

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

1       **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that Public Law 14-50  
2 prohibits loitering outside of businesses on public thoroughfares for the purpose of luring,  
3 enticing, or soliciting customers for commercial gains. However, the law does not prohibit  
4 such acts in the beach areas. The Legislature further finds that the same problems addressed  
5 by Public Law 14-50 are occurring in the beach areas. Tourists, as the usual victims of  
6 solicitation, are often harassed to the extent of creating negative publicity for the  
7 Commonwealth. Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to prohibit persons from loitering on  
8 public thoroughfares, including beach areas, for the purpose of luring, enticing, or soliciting  
9 persons for commercial gain. It is also the intent of this Act to further curb not only the  
10 harassment and intimidation of tourists but also illegal activities.

11       **Section 2. Amendment.** 6 CMC § 3112(b) established by P.L. 14-50 is amended to  
12 read as follows:

13               “(b) Public thoroughfare for the purposes of this section shall mean any  
14 sidewalk, square, mall, parking lot, street, or beach areas.”

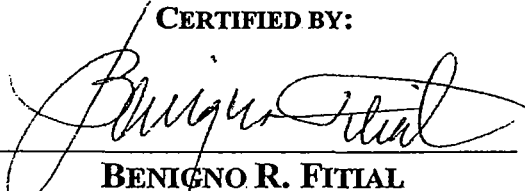
15       **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such  
16 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent

1 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or  
2 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

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5 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes.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

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

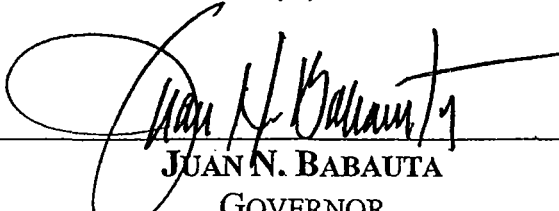
CERTIFIED BY:

  
BENIGNO R. FITIAL  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

ATTESTED TO BY:

  
EVELYN C. FLEMING  
HOUSE CLERK

Approved on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005

  
JUAN N. BABAUTA  
GOVERNOR  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS