

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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Honorable Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero Speaker, House of Representatives Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Saipan, MP 96950

Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres Senate President, The Senate Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law House Bill No. 18-134, entitled, "To amend 6 CMC § 2208 to include that the Sergeant of Arms of the House of Representatives and the Sergeant of Arms of the Senate in the exception to the Weapons Control Act," which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 18-55**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

ELOY S. INOS

cc: Lt. Governor; Lt. Governor's Legal Counsel; Attorney General's Office; Commission, Department of Public Safety; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review

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House of Representatives

18th NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE P.O. BOX 500586 SAIPAN, MP 96950

June 4, 2014

The Honorable Eloy S. Inos Governor Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Capitol Hill Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Inos:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your action **H. B. No. 18-134**, entitled: "To amend 6 CMC § 2208 to include that the Sergeant of Arms of the House of Representatives and the Sergeant of Arms of the Senate in the exception to the Weapons Control Act.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

Linda B. Muña House Clerk

Attachment



Eighteenth Legislature of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Second Regular Session

October 10, 2013

Representative Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, of Saipan, Precinct 4 (for himself) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

H. B. No. 18-134

ANACT

TO AMEND 6 CMC & 2208 TO INCLUDE THAT THE SERGRANT OF ARMS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SERGRANT OF ARMS OF THE SENATE IN THE EXCEPTION TO THE WEAPONS CONTROL ACT.

The Bill was referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, which submitted Standing Committee Report 18-89; adopted January 31, 2014.

> THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, FEBRUARY 11, 2014;

without amendments and transmitted to the THE SENATE.

The Bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law. THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, MAY 28, 2014; without amendments and returned to THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON FEBRUARY 11, 2014.

Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



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Eighteenth Legislature of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Fourth Day, Third Regular Session February 11, 2014

H. B. 18-134

AN ACT

TO AMEND 6 CMC § 2208 TO INCLUDE THAT THE SERGEANT OF ARMS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SERGEANT OF ARMS OF THE SENATE IN THE EXCEPTION TO THE WEAPONS CONTROL ACT.

Be it enacted by the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature:

Section 1. <u>Findings and Purpose</u>. The Legislature finds that the Sergeant of Arms of the House of Representatives and the Sergeant of Arms of the Senate should be included in the list of law enforcement officers in 6 CMC §2208, the exception to the Weapons Control Act.

- **Section 2.** Amendment: 6 CMC § 2208 is amended to add new subsection (j) as follows:
 - "(j) For the purpose of this chapter, the Sergeant of Arms of the House of Representatives and the Sergeant of Arms of the Senate, are deemed to be law enforcement officers with full authority to enforce commonwealth laws and shall

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 have all the powers, authority, and benefits of other law enforcement officers are accorded by law."

Section 3. Severability. If any previsions 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 4. 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.

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

Attested to by: Linda B. Muña, House Clerk

Certified by:/

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SPÉAKER JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO

House of Representatives 18th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

ELOY S. INOS

Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands