



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Eloy S. Inos
Governor

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Lieutenant Governor

15 AUG 2014

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. 18-153, SD1, entitled, "To amend 6 CMC Section 2256(A) (2) to reduce the insurance requirement for shooting ranges from \$5,000,000 to \$1,000,000 and to amend 6 CMC § 2257(A) and to repeal 6 CMC § 2252(D); and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 18-61**. 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; Department of Public Safety; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



House of Representatives

18th NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

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July 11, 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. 18-153, SD1**, entitled: "To amend 6 CMC Section 2256(a) (2) to reduce the insurance requirement for shooting ranges from \$5,000,000 to \$1,000,000 and to amend 6 CMC § 2257(a) and to repeal 6 CMC § 2252(d); and for other purposes.", 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

November 25, 2013

Representative Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, John Paul P. Sablan, and Ralph N. Yumul) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

H. B. No. 18-153, SD1

AN ACT

TO AMEND 6 CMC SECTION 2256(A) (2) TO REDUCE THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENT FOR SHOOTING RANGES FROM \$5,000,000 TO \$1,000,000 AND TO AMEND 6 CMC § 2257(A) AND TO REPEAL 6 CMC § 2252(D); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Bill was not referred to a House Committee.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON
FIRST AND FINAL READING, DECEMBER 19, 2013;**
without amendments and transmitted to the
THE SENATE.

The Bill was not referred to a Senate Committee.

THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, MAY 2, 2014;
with amendments in the form of H. B. 18-153, SD1.

H. B. 18-153, SD1 WAS RETURNED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON MAY 7, 2014.

The House of Representatives accepted the Senate amendments and passed H. B. 18-153, SD1 during its 1st Day, Third Special Session on July 8, 2014.

THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON JULY 8, 2014.



Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST DAY, THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

JULY 8, 2014

H. B. 18-153, SD1

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TO AMEND 6 CMC SECTION 2256(A) (2) TO REDUCE THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENT FOR SHOOTING RANGES FROM \$5,000,000 TO \$1,000,000 AND TO AMEND 6 CMC § 2257(A) AND TO REPEAL 6 CMC § 2252(D); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature:

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** Public Law 18-26 reenacted 6 CMC §2256(a)(2)
2 to require shooting galleries and shooting ranges to obtain at least \$5,000,000 in liability
3 insurance. Due to the size of the insurance market in the Commonwealth, the maximum
4 liability insurance available for shooting galleries and shooting ranges in the Commonwealth
5 is \$1,000,000. The current law imposes a requirement that is impossible to meet. The
6 insurance requirement needs to be adjusted in order to require an amount of insurance that is
7 available in the Commonwealth.

8 In addition to changing the insurance requirement for shooting galleries and ranges,
9 this Act amends 6 CMC § 2257(a) and repeals 6 CMC § 2252(d).

10 **Section 2. Amendment.** 6 CMC Section 2256 (a) (2) is amended as follows:

11 “(2) Shooting galleries and shooting ranges must purchase at least \$1,000,000
12 of liability insurance coverage.”

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1 **Section 3. Amendment.** 6 CMC § 2257 (a) is amended to read as follows:

2 “(a) Patron and guest at a shooting range may use a rifle, shotgun, archery, or
3 other target range equipment or device and any caliber of ammunition approved for
4 competitive use as specifically authorize by regulation by the Department of Public
5 Safety in conformance to applicable commonwealth and federal law or regulation and
6 in accordance with the licensee’s rules for on-site use; provided further that the use of
7 any firearm, weapon, ammunition, archery and target range equipment off the
8 shooting range premises is strictly prohibited, except for safety purposes by order of
9 the Commissioner of Public Safety, or as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction
10 in connection with a pending court case.”

11 **Section 4. Amendment.** 6 CMC § 2252(c) is amended to read:

12 “(c) ‘Shooting range’ means a major development, with a minimum aggregate
13 capital investment of two hundred fifty thousand dollars in the commonwealth, where
14 amenities shall include, at a minimum, restaurant, retail shop, office spaces,
15 recreational facilities, target and range facilities for rifle and hand gun competition
16 and other requirements consist with hosting major international shooting
17 competitions.

18 **Section 5. Repealer.** 6 CMC § 2252 (d) is repealed in its entirety and the subsequent
19 subsection shall be renumbered accordingly by the Law Revision Commission.

20 **Section 6. Severability.** If any provisions 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
23 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

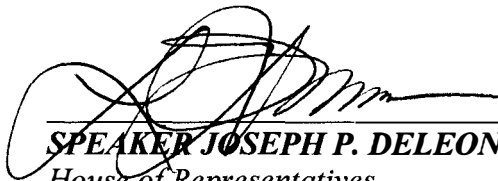
24 **Section 7. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
25 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
26 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers
27 contained in this Act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

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Section 8. 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: 
SPEAKER JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO
House of Representatives
18th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

APPROVED 15th day of August, 2014


ELOY S. INOS
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands