



# COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**Eloy S. Inos**  
Governor

**Jude U. Hofschneider**  
Lieutenant Governor

**16 DEC 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. 18-57, HD1, entitled, "To amend 4 CMC § 5611 (b) (Business License Fees); and for other purposes," which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 18-70**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

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ELOY S. INOS

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



# House of Representatives

18<sup>th</sup> NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

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November 24, 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. 18-57, HD1**, entitled: "To amend 4 CMC § 5611 (b) (Business License Fees); 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**

**First Special Session**

**April 18, 2013**

**Representative Antonio P. Sablan**, of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representative Mariano Taitano,) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

**H. B. No. 18-57, HD1**

**AN ACT**

**TO AMEND 4 CMC §5611(B) (BUSINESS LICENSE FEES); AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Bill was referred to the House Committee on Commerce, which submitted Standing Committee Report 18-54; adopted October 10, 2013.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON  
FIRST AND FINAL READING, OCTOBER 10, 2013;**  
*with amendments* in the form of H. B. 18-57, HD1 and transmitted to the  
**THE SENATE.**

The Bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs.  
**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, OCTOBER 16, 2014;**  
*without amendments* and returned to  
**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

**THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON OCTOBER 10, 2013.**

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**Linda B. Muña, House Clerk**



*Eighteenth Legislature  
of the  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*  
**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

SEVENTH DAY, SECOND REGULAR SESSION

OCTOBER 10, 2013

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**H. B. 18-57, HD1**

AN ACT

**TO AMEND 4 CMC § 5611 (B) (BUSINESS LICENSE FEES); AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.**

**Be it enacted by the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth  
Legislature:**

1           **Section 1. Findings and purpose.** The Commonwealth Legislature finds that many  
2 businesses in the Commonwealth are opening shops in different locations within the  
3 Commonwealth, while only paying for one business license for multiple locations. The  
4 Legislature further finds that the Commonwealth can collect additional resources by charging  
5 businesses for all locations in which the same line of businesses is being offered.  
6 Additionally, the Legislature finds that many businesses are taking advantage of this  
7 incentive and over the years have made maximum profits with this loophole in the  
8 Commonwealth's current statutes. Therefore, the intent of this Act is to require a business  
9 license for each business location regardless of the line of business.

HOUSE BILL 18-57, HD1

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1           **Section 2. Amendment.** 4 CMC § 5611 (b) (Business license fees) is hereby  
2 amended to read as follows:

3                           **“§5611. Business license fees.**

4                           (b) A business shall be required to purchase one general business license for  
5 each line of business for each location in the Commonwealth.”

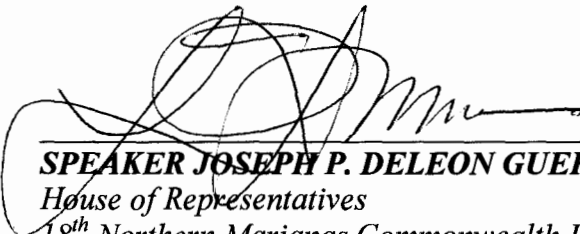
6           **Section 3. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of any such  
7 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent  
8 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or  
9 circumstances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

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

**HOUSE BILL 18-57, HD1**

1           **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the  
2 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  
18<sup>th</sup> Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014

  
**ELOY S. INOS**  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands