



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

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Lieutenant Governor

28 APR 2016

Honorable Rafael S. Demapan
Speaker, House of Representatives
Nineteenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Honorable Francisco M. Borja
Senate President, The Senate
Nineteenth 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. 19-89, HS1, entitled, "To ban the importation of used tires; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 19-44**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


RALPH DLG. TORRES

cc: Lt. Governor; Attorney General's Office; Department of Public Works; Solid Waste Management Division; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



House of Representatives

19th NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

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SAIPAN, MP 96950

March 22, 2016

The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Torres:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your action **H. B. No. 19-89, HS1**, entitled: "To ban the importation of used tires; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Muña".

Linda B. Muña
House Clerk

Attachment



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

Sixth Special Session

July 16, 2015

Representative Vinson F. Sablan, 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. 19-89, HS1

AN ACT

**TO BAN THE IMPORTATION OF USED TIRES; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Bill was referred to the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism, which submitted Standing Committee Report 19-37; adopted October 27, 2015.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON
FIRST AND FINAL READING, OCTOBER 27, 2015;**
with amendments in the form of H. B. 19-89, HS1 and transmitted to the
THE SENATE.

The Bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law, which submitted Standing Committee Report 19-80; adopted March 11, 2016.

THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, MARCH 11, 2016;
without amendments and was returned to
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON OCTOBER 27, 2015.



Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



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

Seventh Day, Second Regular Session

October 27, 2015

H. B. No. 19-89, HS1

AN ACT

TO BAN THE IMPORTATION OF USED TIRES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature:

1 **Section 1. Short Title.** This Act shall be known and may be cited as the “Used Tire
2 Importation Ban Act of 2015.”

3 **Section 2. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that our great
4 Commonwealth has limited land resources to accommodate the constant inflow of debris.
5 Among such debris that flow into our dump sites and transfer stations are used tires. After
6 such time has elapsed, the specified item must be properly disposed of. However, our dump
7 sites are not being efficiently used due to their size constraints, and large amounts of space
8 are required to store an item such as used tires. Therefore, action must be taken in order to
9 decelerate the process of incoming used tires and allow for our dump sites to be used
10 efficiently for other trash related purposes.

11 The Legislature finds that ongoing inflow of used tires can pose serious
12 environmental concerns in the future. Due to their prior history and usage, the life span of
13 these used tires is limited to a shorter amount of time which leads to a build-up of unusable
14 tires at the transfer stations and dump sites.

15 The Legislature further finds that the usage of such tires can also yield serious safety
16 concerns for motorists. Due to the used tires’ prior usage, their durability and dependability

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1 has been altered. The threading of used tires has depreciated, and can be a contributor in fatal
2 car accidents. Therefore, a law must be enacted to prevent and deter such catastrophes from
3 occurring.

4 The purpose of this Act is to implement a provision to ban the importation of used
5 tires and prevent any environmental and safety concerns that may arise.

6 **Section 3. Amendment.** 6 CMC §2301(a) is hereby amended by adding a new
7 subsection (9) to read as follows:

8 “(9) Used tires”

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

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

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Section 6. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

Attested to by:



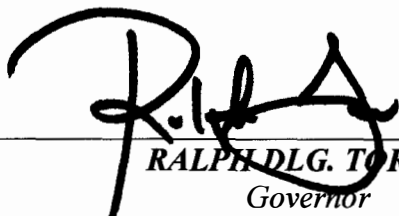
Linda B. Muña, House Clerk

Certified by:



SPEAKER RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN
House of Representatives
19th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Approved this 28th day of April, 2016



RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands