



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

Victor B. Hocog
Lieutenant Governor

13 JUN 2016

Honorable Francisco M. Borja
Senate President, The Senate
Nineteenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

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

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law Senate Bill No. 19-49, HD1, entitled, "To amend 1 CMC § 8250 to exempt the managers of the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) from the salary limitations imposed by the Compensation Adjustment Act; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 19-48**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph DLG. Torres", written over a circular stamp or seal.

RALPH DLG. TORRES

cc: Lt. Governor; Attorney General's Office; Commonwealth Ports Authority; Public Auditor;
Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative
Review



THE SENATE
Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
P. O. Box 500129
Saipan, MP 96950

May 05, 2016

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

Dear Governor Torres:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your action Senate Bill No. 19-49, HD1, entitled: "To amend 1 CMC § 8250 to exempt the managers of the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) from the salary limitations imposed by the Compensation Adjustment Act; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. S. Bermudes".

Dolores S. Bermudes
Senate Clerk

Attachments



THE SENATE
NINETEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE BILL NO. 19-49, HD1

AN ACT

To amend 1 CMC § 8250 to exempt the managers of the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) from the salary limitations imposed by the Compensation Adjustment Act; and for other purposes.

SENATE ACTION

Offered by Senator(s): Victor B. Hocog, Francisco M. Borja, Sixto K. Igisomar, Steve K. Mesngon, Justo S. Quitugua and Arnold I. Palacios

Date: June 18, 2015

Referred to: Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs

Standing Committee Report No.: 19-48 Adopted on 10/09/15

Final Reading: October 09, 2015

HOUSE ACTION

Referred to: Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations

Standing Committee Report No.: 19-70 adopted on 12/21/15

First and Final Reading: December 21, 2015


DOLORES S. BERMUDES
SENATE CLERK



THE SENATE
NINETEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2015

S. B. NO. 19-49, HD1

AN ACT

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

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that managers of the
 2 Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) are underpaid considering their duties and
 3 responsibilities as the seaport or airport managers of each international airport in the
 4 Commonwealth. The seaport and airport managers operate complex 24-hour port facilities
 5 that are heavily regulated by federal agencies including the Federal Aviation
 6 Administration, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the U.S. Department of Homeland
 7 Security, the Federal Maritime Administration, and the Coast Guard. The Legislature,
 8 however, finds that despite their extensive duties and responsibilities, CPA managers
 9 currently earn approximately the same as the top paid civil service managers with less
 10 duties and responsibilities. Accordingly, the purpose of this legislation is to exempt CPA
 11 managers from the government salary ceiling restriction so that CPA managers can receive
 12 a salary of more than 50,000 per annum.

13 **Section 2. Amendment.** 1 CMC § 8250 is hereby amended by adding a new
 14 subsection (h) to read as follows:

15 “(h) 1 CMC § 8248(a) shall not apply to Seaport and Airport Managers of
 16 the Commonwealth Ports Authority.”

SENATE BILL NO. 19-49, HD1


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Section 3. Severability. If any provision 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 this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes effective.

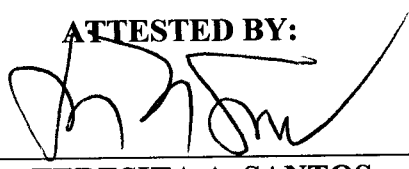
Section 5. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:




FRANCISCO M. BORJA
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ATTESTED BY:



TERESITA A. SANTOS
SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

Approved this 13th day of June, 2016



RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands