



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

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20 JUL 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. 19-70, HD1, entitled, "To amend 6 CMC § 2301(a) to penalize the importation of banned pesticides; 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. 19-54**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

I want to make it clear that Public Law No. 19-54 should not be construed as repealing PL 19-44 because it proposes to create a new subsection (9).

Sincerely,



VICTOR B. HOCOG
Acting Governor

cc: Governor; Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Resources; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



THE SENATE
Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
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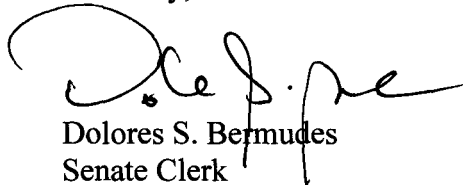
June 23, 2016

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. 19-70, HD1, entitled: "To amend 6 CMC § 2301(a) to penalize the importation of banned pesticides; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely,



Dolores S. Bermudes
Senate Clerk

Attachments



THE SENATE
NINETEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE BILL NO. 19-70, HD1

AN ACT

To amend 6 CMC § 2301(a) to penalize the importation of banned pesticides; and for other purposes.

SENATE ACTION

Offered by Senator(s): Justo S. Quitugua

Date: November 30, 2015

Referred to: None

Standing Committee Report No.: None


Final Reading: June 21, 2016

HOUSE ACTION

Referred to: Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations

Standing Committee Report No.: 19-94 adopted on March 29, 2016

First and Final Reading: March 29, 2016


DOLORES S. BERMUDES
SENATE CLERK



THE SENATE
NINETEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2015

S. B. NO. 19-70, HD1

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE NINETEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that although the
2 importation of banned pesticides is prohibited in the Commonwealth, the importation of
3 banned pesticides is not subject to the penalty imposed on the importation of contraband.
4 Banned pesticides contain chemicals that are carcinogenic and toxic for human
5 consumption and should be not be used in the Commonwealth. The Legislature further
6 finds that the importation of banned pesticides should be covered by the laws penalizing
7 the importation of contraband in order to protect and safeguard the health and safety of the
8 people of the Commonwealth.

9 **Section 2. Amendment.** 6 CMC § 2301(a) is hereby amended by adding a new
10 subsection (9) to read as follows:

11 **“§ 2301. Importation of Contraband.**
12 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly enter the
13 Commonwealth with the intent to import, or attempt to cause another to bring or
14 import into the Commonwealth, or conceal for the purpose of importation, any of
15 the following items:
16 (1)-(8) [Unchanged.].
17 (9) banned pesticides as defined by regulations adopted by the
18 Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality.”

SENATE BILL NO. 19-70, HD1

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

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


12 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
13 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 20th day of July, 2016



VICTOR B. HOCO
Acting **Governor**
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands