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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS
WHICH ARE AMENDMENTS TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL
RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO CONTROL DIVISION**

INTENDED ACTION TO ADOPT THESE PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS: The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Department of Commerce, Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control Division, intends to adopt as permanent regulations the attached proposed regulations, pursuant to requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (1 CMC § 9104(a)). The regulations would become effective 10 days after adoption and publication in the Commonwealth Register (1 CMC § 9105(b)).

AUTHORITY: The Secretary of Commerce (“Secretary”) has authority to adopt rules and regulations regarding matters that fall within the jurisdiction of the Department of Commerce, including alcoholic beverage control licenses. 1 CMC § 2454 (Department of Commerce general authority to adopt rules and regulations); 4 CMC § 5513 (authority to adopt rules and regulations for alcoholic beverage control licenses); 1 CMC §§ 9101–9115 (procedures for adoption of regulations under the Commonwealth Administrative Procedure Act).

THE TERMS AND SUBSTANCE: These proposed regulations amend the current alcoholic beverage control license regulations and to address new classes of licenses created by Public Law No. 19-30.

THE SUBJECTS AND ISSUES INVOLVED: These proposed amendments include the following subject areas:

1. Implementation of new class type of licenses and fees and other application requirements for Class 8 and Class 9 licenses.
2. Qualifications of Prospective Licensees.
3. Responsibilities of the licensee.

DIRECTIONS FOR FILING AND PUBLICATION: These proposed regulations shall be published in the Commonwealth Register in the section on proposed and newly adopted regulations (1 CMC § 9102(a) (1)) and notice of the intended action to adopt this proposed regulation shall be posted in convenient places in the civic center and in local government


offices in each senatorial district, both in English and in the principal vernacular (1 CMC § 9104(a)(1)).

TO PROVIDE COMMENTS: Send or deliver your comments to Mark O. Rabauliman, Secretary of Commerce, at the above address, with the subject line "Alcoholic Beverage Control License Regulations." Comments are due within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. (1 CMC § 9104(a)(2)).

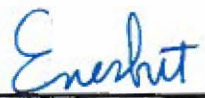
These proposed regulations were approved by the Secretary on July 24, 2017.

Submitted by: 
MARK O. RABAULIMAN
Secretary of Commerce

11/7/17
Date

Received by: 
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Governor's Special Assistant for
Administration


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Date

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11-20-2017
Date

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e) (AG approval of regulations to be promulgated as to form) and 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) (obtain AG approval) the proposed regulations attached hereto have been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the CNMI Attorney General and shall be published, 1 CMC § 2153(f) (publication of rules and regulations).

Dated the 20 day of Nov. 2017.


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Attorney General