

THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 1983

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AN ACT

To amend certain sections of Public Law 2-13, the Homestead Waiver Act of 1980.

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Offered by Representatives Benigno R. Fitial, Jose R. Lifoifoi, and Miguel H. Sablan.

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Date: June 2, 1982

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House Action

Referred to: Committee on Resources and Development

Standing Committee Report No. 3-93

First and Final Reading: November 2, 1982

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Senate Action

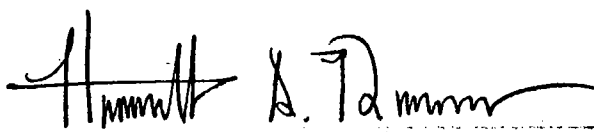
Referred to: Committee on Resources, Economic Development, and Programs

Standing Committee Report No. 3-177

First and Final Reading: January 13, 1983

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Hammett A. Tamara  
Secretary of the House of Representatives

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1982

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1           Section 1. Amendment. Section 5 of Public Law 2-13 is amended  
2 to read as follows:

3                   "Section 5. Rules and Regulations. The Marianas  
4           Public Land Corporation shall adopt rules and regulations  
5 to carry out the purposes of this Act."

6           Section 2. Amendment. Section 7 of Public Law 2-13 is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8                   "Section 7. Special Homestead Procedures. Notwithstanding  
9 any other provision of law relating to homestead rights  
10 and procedures, any person who has continuously occupied  
11 or possessed with permission of the government a parcel  
12 of public land, who began using such land for agricultural  
13 purposes prior to January 9, 1978, and who has used such  
14 land continuously for such purpose through the effective  
15 date of this Act, but who has not been granted a homestead  
16 permit, shall be granted an agricultural homestead permit  
17 which shall be valid for all legal purposes, including  
18 acquisition of freehold title upon completion of homestead  
19 requirements, as if issued pursuant to other provisions of  
20 law relating to homestead rights and procedures. This  
21 Section shall apply to persons who entered public land with


1 any form of permission of the government, but not  
2 including executed fixed-term lease agreements. This  
3 Section shall not be construed to impair the issuance  
4 of homestead permits in the manner otherwise provided  
5 by law."

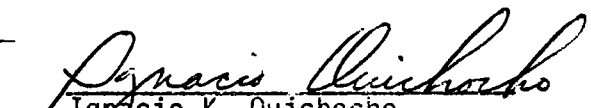
6 Section 3. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon  
7 its approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such  
8 approval.

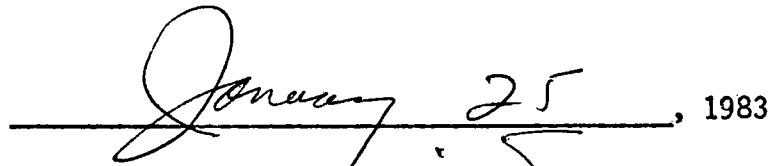
  
Benigno R. Fitial  
Speaker of the House

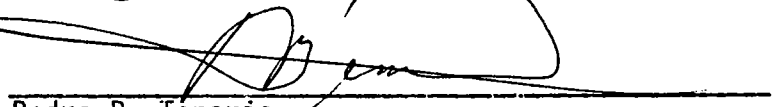
  
Olympio T. Borja  
President of the Senate

ATTEST:

  
Herbert S. Del Rosario  
Chief Clerk

  
Ignacio K. Quichocho  
Senate Legislative Secretary

  
January 25, 1983

  
Pedro P. Tenorio  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands