



## COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**Eloy S. Inos**  
Governor

**Jude U. Hofschneider**  
Lieutenant Governor

**May 31, 2013**

Honorable Victor B. Hocog  
Acting Senate President, The Senate  
Eighteenth Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950


Honorable Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Eighteenth Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Acting President and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law Senate Bill No. 18-23, entitled, "To amend 6 CMC Section 2208; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 18-09**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

  
JUDE UNTALAN HOFSCHEIDER  
Acting Governor

cc: Governor  
Attorney General  
Public Auditor  
Governor's Press Secretary  
Department of Public Safety  
Public Defender  
Commonwealth's Law Revision Commission  
Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



**THE SENATE**  
**EIGHTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**SENATE BILL NO. 18-23**

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**AN ACT**

TO AMEND 6 CMC § 2208; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**SENATE ACTION**

**Offered by Senator(s):** Francisco Q. Cruz, Francisco M. Borja

**Date:** April 16, 2013

**Referred to:** None

**Standing Committee Report No.:** None

**Final Reading:** April 19, 2013

**HOUSE ACTION**


**Referred to:** None

**Standing Committee Report No.:** None

**First and Final Reading:** May 21, 2013

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Dolores S. Bermudes  
Senate Clerk

**EIGHTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2013**

**S. B. NO. 18-23**

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PURPOSES.

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

**Section 1. Findings and Purpose.**

1           The Legislature finds that although the Office of the Attorney General (“OAG”)  
2           Investigators are deputized as special law enforcement officers by the Commissioner of  
3           Public Safety, their status as law enforcement officers is not clear under existing statutory  
4           authority. As law enforcement personnel, the OAG Investigators must be vested with all the  
5           powers, authority and benefits other law enforcement officers are accorded by law.  
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7           **Section 2. Amendment.** 6 CMC § 2208 is amended to add new subsections (g) and  
8           (h) as follows:

9           “(g) For the purpose of this chapter, the Office of the Attorney General Investigation  
10          Division, headed by the chief investigator, is considered to be a law enforcement division.  
11          The chief investigator and all investigators employed by the Office of the Attorney General  
12          Investigation Division are deemed law enforcement officers with full authority to enforce  
13          commonwealth laws and shall have all the powers, authority, and benefits other law  
14          enforcement officers are accorded by law.

15          (h) For the purpose of this chapter, the Office of the Public Auditor Investigation  
16          Division is considered to be a law enforcement division. The investigators employed by the  
17          Office of the Public Auditor are deemed law enforcement officers with full authority to

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1 enforce commonwealth laws and shall have all the powers, authority, and benefits other law  
2 enforcement officers are accorded by law.”

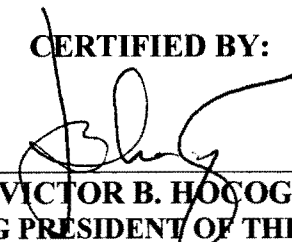
3 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such  
4 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent  
5 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or  
6 circumstances other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

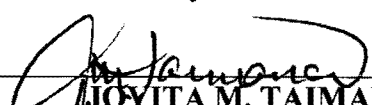
7 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be  
8 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes  
9 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers  
10 contained in this Act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

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

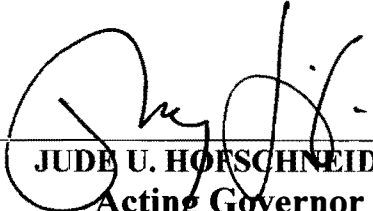
CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

  
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VICTOR B. HOCOG  
ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

  
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JOVITA M. TAIMANAO  
SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

Approved this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2013

  
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JUDE U. HORSCHNEIDER  
Acting Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands