



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Eloy S. Inos
Governor

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Lieutenant Governor

08 AUG 2013

Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres
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. President and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law Senate Bill No. 18-21, HD1, entitled, "To amend 1 CMC § 8282; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 18-13**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ELOY S. INOS", with a stylized flourish at the end.

ELOY S. INOS

cc: Lt. Governor; Attorney General's Office; Department of Public Safety; Press Secretary; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



THE SENATE
EIGHTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE BILL NO. 18-21, HD1

AN ACT

TO AMEND 1 CMC § 8282, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SENATE ACTION

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

Date: April 16, 2013

Referred to: Resources, Economic Development and Programs

Standing Committee Report No.: None

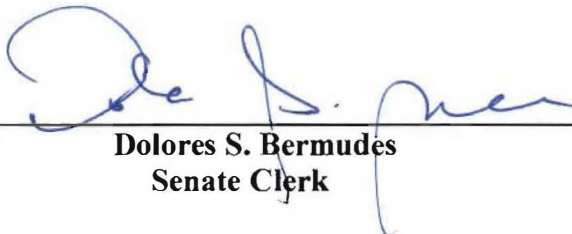
Final Reading: June 19, 2013

HOUSE ACTION

Referred to: None

Standing Committee Report No.: None

First and Final Reading: May 21, 2013


Dolores S. Bermudes
Senate Clerk

EIGHTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2013

S. B. NO. 18-21, HD1

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE EIGHTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.**

2 The Legislature acknowledges that the Attorney General and assistant attorneys
3 general are law enforcement officers. The investigation division of the Office of the
4 Attorney General; however, are not law enforcement officers as provided under 1 CMC §
5 8282. The Legislature finds that due to the nature of the duties and responsibilities of the
6 OAG investigation division, the investigators in the division must be included as law
7 enforcement officers. Similarly, the Public Auditor investigators, too, must be included as
8 law enforcement officers due to the nature of their job. Additionally, the Division of Youth
9 Services Juvenile Probation Unit, the Marshall Service Division, and any gaming
10 commission investigators and inspectors must also be included as law enforcement officers.
11 These officers should be provided death benefits accorded other law enforcement officers.

12 **Section 2. Amendment.** 1 CMC § 8282 is amended to add subsections (p) through
13 (t) as follows:

14 “(p) The Chief Investigator and Investigators of the Office of the Attorney General
15 Investigation Division;

16 (q) House and Senate Sergeant At Arms;

17 (r) Division of Youth Services Juvenile Probation Unit;

18 (s) Office of the Public Auditor investigators; and

19 (t) Investigators and inspectors of any gaming commission.”

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

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

CERTIFIED BY:



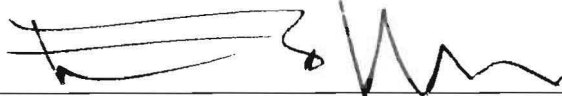
RALPH DLG TORRES
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ATTESTED BY:



JOVITA M. TAIMANAO
SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

Approved this 8TH day of AUGUST, 2013



ELOY S. INOS
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands