



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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

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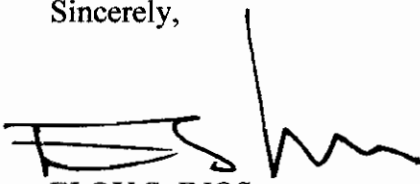
Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres
Senate President, The Senate
Eighteenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law House Bill No. 18-100, HD3 entitled, "To amend 1 CMC sections 9301, 9302, and 9306 relating to the Commonwealth Lottery Commission; and for other purposes," which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 18-20**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,



ELOY S. INOS

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



House of Representatives

18th NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

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September 25, 2013

The Honorable Eloy S. Inos
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Inos:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your action **H. B. No. 18-100, HD3**, entitled: "To amend 1 CMC sections 9301, 9302, and 9306 relating to the Commonwealth Lottery Commission; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. B. Muña".

Linda B. Muña
House Clerk

Attachment



*Eighteenth Legislature
of the
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sixth Special Session

July 19, 2013

Representative Antonio R. Agulto, of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*;) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

H. B. No. 18-100

AN ACT

**TO AMEND 1 CMC SECTIONS 9301, 9302, AND 9306
RELATING TO THE COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Bill was referred to the House Committee on Commerce, which submitted Standing Committee Report 18-46, adopted September 12, 2013.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON
FIRST AND FINAL READING, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013;**
with amendments in the form of H. B. 18-100, HD3 and transmitted to the
THE SENATE.

The Bill was not referred to a Senate Committee.
THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013;
without amendments and returned to
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES on September 24, 2013.

THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2013.



Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



Eighteenth Legislature
of the
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOURTH DAY, SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

H. B. 18-100, HD3

AN ACT

TO AMEND 1 CMC SECTIONS 9301, 9302, AND 9306 RELATING TO THE COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature:

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that Public Law 3-60
2 authorized the operation of a public lottery but failed to conceive and account the growing
3 economic impact of advancement in recent years in internet technology that enhances
4 accountability and transparency leading to more responsible lottery gaming activities. The
5 video lottery terminals, operating under a controlled and regulated wide-area network via a
6 centrally connected computer system, are part of this internet technology advancement that
7 can provide much needed operational accountability and transparency including responsible
8 gaming in the lottery industry.

9 Therefore, it is the purpose of this Act to amend Section 1 of Public Law 3-60,
10 codified as 1 CMC § 9301, by allowing video lottery terminals to be part of the operation of a

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1 public lottery.

2 **Section 2. Amendment.** 1 CMC section 9301 is hereby amended by adding a new
3 subsection (d) to section 9301 (and adding the word “and” to subsection (c)) to read as
4 follows:

5 “(c) The holders of the winning chances are to receive something of value;

6 and

7 (d) A gambling scheme in which electronic machines are used and are
8 centrally connected and/or monitored through a wide-area network approved
9 computer system, otherwise known as video lottery terminals.”

10 **Section 3. Amendment.** 1 CMC section 9302 is hereby amended by revising
11 subsection (c) and by adding subsection (d) to section 9302 to read as follows:

12 **“9302. Lottery Commission: Composition.**

13 The commission shall consist of:

14 (a) [no change]

15 (b) [no change]

16 (c) The Director of Commerce or his designee.

17 (d) The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety or his
18 designee.”

19 **Section 4. Amendment.** 1 CMC section 9306 (f) is hereby amended to read as
20 follows:

21 “(f) The types of locations at which participation in the lotteries may be
22 permitted provided that said locations are strictly limited to golf resorts, hotels that

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1 have one hundred (100) rooms or more or at any airport departure area that is
2 accessible to departing passengers only;”

3 **Section 5. Repealer.** Section 307(a) of Executive Order 94-3 is hereby repealed.

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

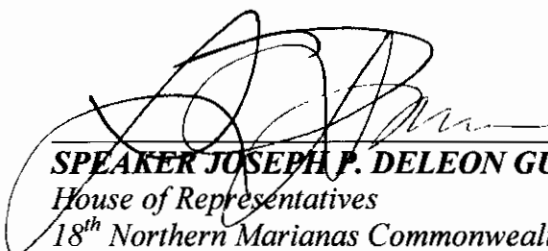
8 **Section 7. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
9 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
10 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers
11 contained in this Act shall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

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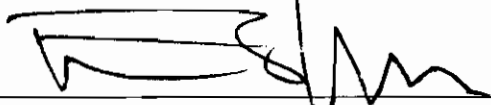
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Section 8. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

Attested to by: 
Linda B. Muña, House Clerk

Certified by: 
SPEAKER JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO
House of Representatives
18th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Approved this 7TH day of OCTOBER, 2013


ELOY S. INOS
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands