



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Eloy S. Inos

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

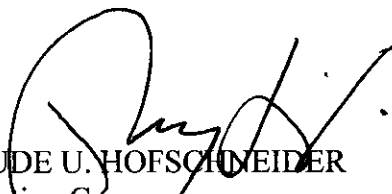
Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres
Senate President, The Senate
Eighteenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law House Bill No. 18-11, entitled, "To amend Title 9, Division 2 Chapter 1 § 2116 (Public Law 14-16); 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. 18-22**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,



JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER
Acting Governor

cc: Governor; Governor's Legal Counsel; Lt. Governor's Legal Counsel; Attorney General's Office; Press Secretary; CNMI Veteran's Office; 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 6, 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. 18-11**, entitled: "To amend Title 9, Division 2 Chapter 1 § 2116 (Public Law 14-16); 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 "Linda B. Muña".

Linda B. Muña
House Clerk

Attachment



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

First Regular Session

February 11, 2013

Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Roman C. Benavente, Trenton B. Conner, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, Mariano Taitano, and Ralph N. Yumul,) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

H. B. No. 18-11

AN ACT

TO AMEND TITLE 9, DIVISION 2 CHAPTER 1 § 2116 (PUBLIC LAW 14-16); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Bill was referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, which submitted Standing Committee Report 18-25, adopted on June 5, 2013.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON
FIRST AND FINAL READING, JUNE 5, 2013;**
without amendments and transmitted to the
THE SENATE.

The Bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs.
THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING ON, AUGUST 29, 2013;
without amendments,
and returned to
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON AUGUST 30, 2013.

THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON JUNE 5, 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda B. Muña", written over a horizontal line.

Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



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

First Day, Fourth Special Session

June 5, 2013

H. B. No. 18-11

AN ACT

TO AMEND TITLE 9, DIVISION 2 CHAPTER 1 § 2116 (PUBLIC LAW 14-16); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Be it enacted by the Eighteenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature:**

1 **Section 1. Findings and purpose.** The Legislature finds that many brave men and
2 women of the Commonwealth willingly answered the call to defend the freedoms we are
3 enjoying by fighting for our country not only in foreign lands but also in our islands.
4 Furthermore, the Legislature finds that many men and women put their lives on the line so
5 they make our country a safer place to live in. Additionally, the Legislature finds that the
6 sacrifices these selfless and valiant men and women made in leaving their families to face
7 adversities in foreign lands such as Korea, Vietnam, Kosovo, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Horn of
8 Africa, and Iraq merits recognition and a meaningful way to show our gratitude is by
9 lowering license plate fees for Veterans. The Legislature further finds that no fee shall be
10 charged for the issuance of a veteran license plate to a veteran rated by the U.S. Department

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1 of Veterans Affairs at a one hundred percent (100%) permanent and total disability. Other
2 states and territories have provided such benefits to its veterans and it is time that the
3 Commonwealth also remembers the contributions and the sacrifices made by the sons and
4 daughters of the Commonwealth that have led to the freedom we enjoy today. Additionally,
5 the Legislature finds that in order for a veteran to avail to the discounted benefit, he or she
6 must have at least served 160 consecutive active service days and must have been honorably
7 discharged from the United States Armed Forces. The Legislature further finds that veterans
8 must be certified eligible by the CNMI Veterans Office and must not have more than a
9 misdemeanor criminal offense within each one year period in order to avail of the discounted
10 benefit. Therefore, the intent of this Act is to amend Title 9, Division 2 Chapter 1 § 2116
11 (Public Law 14-16).

12 **Section 2. Amendment.** Title 9, Division 2 Chapter 1 § 2116 is hereby amended to
13 read as follows:

14 **“2116. Veteran License Plates.**

15 (a) No changes.

16 (b) No changes.

17 (c) No changes.

18 (d) *Fee.* The fee for the issuance of a veteran license plate for first time
19 registration and renewal(s) shall be 25% less than the fee charged for a similar
20 license plate for the same class of vehicle. Additionally, no fee shall be
21 charged for the issuance of a veteran license plate to a veteran rated by the
22 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs at a one hundred percent (100%)

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1 permanent and total disability. The veteran license plate must be for a non-
2 commercial vehicle registered to the veteran, or legal guardian applying for
3 benefits under this section. A copy of the decision letter issued by the
4 Regional Veterans Affairs Office which indicates approved disability rating
5 must be furnished to the Department of Public Safety and the Department of
6 Finance in order to waive the veteran license plate fees.

7 (e) No Changes.

8 (f) No Changes.”

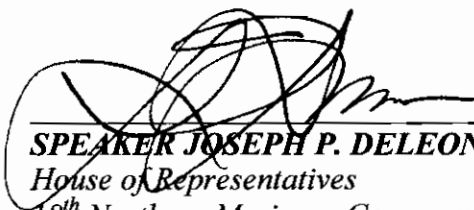
9 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of any such
10 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
11 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
12 circumstances other than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

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

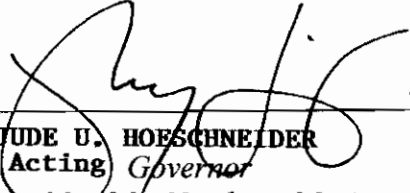
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1 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
2 Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

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 8th day of October, 2013


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