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The Honorable Arnold I. Palacios
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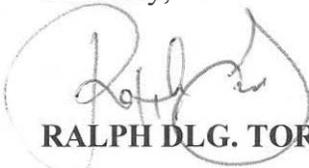
The Honorable Rafael S. Demapan
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twentieth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law Senate Bill No. 20-02, SD3, HD1, entitled, "To establish the Office of Planning and Development; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

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

Sincerely,



RALPH DLG. TORRES

cc: Lt. Governor; Press Secretary; Office of Environmental Coastal Quality; Department of Public Works; Department of Public Lands; Department of Lands & Natural Resources; Department of Commerce; Zoning Administrator; Director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation; Marianas Visitors Authority; Mayor of Rota; Mayor of Tinian; Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of the Northern Islands; Chairperson, Chamber of Commerce; Chairperson, Governor's Strategic Economic Development Council; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



THE SENATE
Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
P. O. Box 500129
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August 28, 2017

The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Torres:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your action Senate Bill No. 20-02, SD3, HD1, entitled: " To establish the Office of Planning and Development; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely,

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Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Senate Journal Clerk

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THE SENATE
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE BILL NO. 20-02, SD3, HD1

AN ACT

To establish the Office of Planning and Development; and for other purposes.

SENATE ACTION

Offered by Senator(s): Arnold I. Palacios

Date: January 10, 2017

Referred to: Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs

Standing Committee Report No.: 20-05

First and Final Reading: August 24, 2017

HOUSE ACTION

Referred to: None

Standing Committee Report No.: None

First and Final Reading: August 18, 2017

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TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2017

S. B. NO. 20-02, SD3, HD1

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

1 **Section 1. Short Title.** This Act may be cited as the “CNMI Planning and
2 Development Act of 2017.”

3 **Section 2. Findings and Purpose.** The legislature finds the CNMI is presently
4 going through an economic growth and new developments are wide-spread in the CNMI.
5 However, the CNMI does not have a master plan outlining comprehensive land use, the
6 establishment of communities, schools, roads, and infrastructure, and the development
7 economic districts and businesses. Currently, individuals, developers, and investors are
8 constructing homes, buildings, hotels, apartments and other major developments without
9 the benefit of a “CNMI Comprehensive Sustainable Development Plan,” to ensure that
10 such new developments can be accommodated by the current infrastructure of the islands
11 and will not unduly burden such infrastructure in the years come. In addition to the
12 infrastructure, the CNMI should have a Comprehensive Sustainable Development Plan that
13 ensures the protection of the scarce resources including land, natural resources, and human
14 resources.

15 Accordingly, Legislature finds that there is a need to improve the planning process
16 in the CNMI to increase the effectiveness of government and private actions, to improve
17 coordination among different agencies and levels of government, to provide for wise use of
18 the CNMI’s resources and to guide the future development of the CNMI. The Legislature
19 further finds that improving the planning process in the CNMI means utilizing the existing

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1 expertise within the various CNMI planning agencies as well as obtaining and
2 incorporating information from the public and the business communities regarding the
3 nature, extent, and areas of most desirable growth and conservation. There should also an
4 Office of Planning and Development that serves as clearinghouse for all information
5 related to development, planning, and resource use in the CNMI.

6 The purpose of this article is to establish a CNMI Comprehensive Sustainable
7 Development Plan that shall serve as a guide for the future long-range development of the
8 CNMI using and improving existing plans, maps and other resources; identify the goals,
9 objectives, policies, and priorities for the CNMI; provide a basis for determining priorities
10 and allocating limited resources, such as public funds, services, human resources, land,
11 energy, water, and other resources; improve coordination of federal, and CNMI plans,
12 policies, programs, projects, and regulatory activities; and to establish a system for plan
13 formulation and program coordination to provide for an integration of all major CNMI and
14 individual island activities.

15 **Section 3. Amendment.** Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 1 of the
16 Commonwealth Code is hereby amended by adding a new article 11 to read as follows:

17 **“Article 11. Commonwealth Planning and Development.**

18 **§ 20171. Office of Planning and Development; Establishment.**

19 (a) There is established within the Office of the Governor, a
20 Commonwealth Office of Planning and Development.

21 (b) The Commonwealth Office of Planning and Development shall be
22 administered by a Director for Planning and Development who shall be appointed
23 by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Director shall be
24 required to analyze and interpret development trends and information of all kinds,
25 to appraise and coordinate planning programs and supervise the execution of the
26 responsibilities of the Advisory Council for Planning and Development in
27 accordance with the policies set forth in this article.

1 (c) The Director shall be responsible for the administration of this article
2 and shall supervise the staff of the Office of Planning and Development which, in
3 addition to its regular duties.

4 (d) The Director shall have the following qualifications:

5 (1) Bachelor's Degree from a United States accredited university in
6 planning, architecture, engineering, business administration, public
7 administration or related field and at least seven (7) years of administrative
8 management experience; or

9 (2) Master's Degree or higher from a United States accredited
10 university in planning, architecture, engineering, business, public
11 administration, or related field and at least four (4) years of administrative
12 management experience.

13 **§ 20172. Office of Planning and Development; Staff Organization.**

14 The staff of the Office of Planning and Development shall be organized into
15 such divisions, sections, or units as are sufficient to appraise, coordinate and assist
16 in the preparation of long-range planning programs for the economic and
17 infrastructure development of the CNMI. Expertise, either singly or collectively,
18 should be evident in such areas as conservation, demography, economics,
19 environment, infrastructure, land utilization, natural resources, transportation,
20 urban and rural design, utilities, and visitor industry. Preparation of planning
21 elements not the duty and function of staff and line agencies, shall be the
22 responsibility of the staff of the Office of Planning and Development.

23 **§ 20173. Office of Planning and Development: Responsibilities and**
24 **Authority.**

25 The responsibilities and authority of the Office of Planning and
26 Development shall be:

27 (a) Prepare Plan. To cause to be prepared, through the services of a
28 consortium of both public and private experts possessing diverse planning
29 experience and expertise, a CNMI comprehensive sustainable development plan

1 (the Plan), which shall provide short and long-range guidance for the economic,
2 infrastructure, and physical development of the CNMI, and which shall contain a
3 statement of development objectives, standards and principles with respect to the
4 most desirable use of land within the CNMI for residential, recreational,
5 agricultural, commercial, industrial, and other uses completely serviced by an
6 access and circulation network and infrastructure consistent with proper protection
7 to enhance the quality of the environment and preserve the CNMI's natural beauty
8 and historical heritage;

9 (b) Assist Planning. To harmonize, improve and assist in implementing
10 comprehensive planning activities at all levels of government;

11 (c) Insure Consistency. To ensure that the current planning programs and
12 projects are consistent with the comprehensive development plan and the policies
13 enumerated in this article;

14 (d) Rules. To adopt any necessary rules or regulations in accordance with
15 the Administrative Procedure Act and to exercise all other powers necessary and
16 proper for the discharge of its responsibilities;

17 (e) Recommendations. To develop all elements of the comprehensive
18 development plan for the CNMI as in this article, and to make detailed written
19 recommendations to the Governor, including minority dissenting opinion groups
20 for further study and review;

21 (f) Agreements. To enter into and carry out any agreement or agreements in
22 connection with the provisions of this article and to solicit assistance from public,
23 private or Federal sources as required in the development planning process and
24 which are not inconsistent with or contrary to the laws of the CNMI; and

25 (g) Annual Report. To deliver to the Governor and the Presiding officers of
26 the Legislature on the last Monday of January of each year a written report of the
27 planning program and progress.

28 **§ 20174. Office of Planning and Development; Powers.**

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1 In the execution of its responsibilities under this Article, the Office is
2 authorized to perform the following functions:

3 (a) Grants. To apply for and accept grants, loans, contributions,
4 appropriations and assistance from the Federal government and from any other
5 sources, public or private, and enter into and carry out contracts or agreements in
6 connection therewith, and include in any contract for financial assistance with the
7 Federal laws as it may deem reasonable and appropriate and which are not
8 inconsistent with the purposes of this Article and the laws of the CNMI;

9 (b) Contracts. To contract for any professional services if such work or
10 services cannot satisfactorily be performed by its employees;

11 (c) Studies. To conduct, or cause to be conducted, investigations, studies,
12 surveys, research and analysis relating to physical, human, social, and economic
13 development of The CNMI and to publish the results thereof;

14 (d) Policies. To develop and recommend policies to foster and promote the
15 improvement of planning activity and development quality;

16 (e) Private Services. To utilize to the fullest extent possible, the services,
17 facilities and information of public and private agencies and organizations and
18 individuals in order that duplication of effort and expenses may be avoided;

19 (f) Appraise Plans. To review, appraise and make such use as it sees fit of
20 all existing plans, inclusive of any plans presently being prepared;

21 (g) Data Bank. To develop an information system and data bank for the
22 continual collection and storage of public information needed or utilized in the
23 development plan process; and

24 (h) Statistics. To conduct research and to disseminate statistical findings
25 relative to producing data needed for economic and community planning on the
26 CNMI if necessary to supplement statistical information from the Central Statistics
27 Division of the Department of Commerce.

28 **§ 20175. Advisory Council for Planning and Development.**

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1 (a) In the Commonwealth Office of Planning and Development, there shall
2 be a Commonwealth Planning and Development Advisory Council to be chaired by
3 the Council member voted on by a majority vote of the members of the Council and
4 shall be comprised of the following members:

- 5 (1) Director of Planning and Development;
- 6 (2) Administrator of the Office of Environmental Coastal Quality;
- 7 (3) Secretary of the Department of Public Works;
- 8 (4) Secretary of the Department of Public Lands;
- 9 (5) Secretary of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources;
- 10 (6) Secretary of the Department of Commerce;
- 11 (7) Zoning Administrator;
- 12 (8) Director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation;
- 13 (9) Director of the Marianas Visitors Authority;
- 14 (10) A representative from the Office of the Mayor of Rota;
- 15 (11) A representative from the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and
16 Aguiguan;
- 17 (12) A representative from the Office of the Mayor of Saipan;
- 18 (13) A representative from the Office of the Mayor of the Northern
19 Islands;
- 20 (14) Chairperson of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce; and
- 21 (15) Chairperson of the Governor's Strategic Economic
22 Development Council.

23 (b) The Commonwealth Planning and Development Advisory Board
24 consisting of fifteen voting members shall have at least two female members and
25 two members who are of Carolinian descent.

26 (c) The Commonwealth Planning and Development Advisory Board shall
27 prepare a CNMI comprehensive sustainable development plan as set forth in §
28 20173(a) of this article.

1 § 20176. Content of the Commonwealth Comprehensive Sustainable
2 **Development Plan.**

3 The Comprehensive Sustainable Development Plan for The CNMI shall
4 contain specific elements as follows:

5 (a) Land Use. A land-use element together with the appropriate zoning
6 recommendations supporting distribution, location and the extent of uses of land
7 for housing, business, industry, agriculture, recreation, education, public buildings,
8 open space, conservation and other categories of public and private uses of land,
9 which include islands, reef and lagoon areas, and the sea within the territorial
10 waters, inclusive of a statement of the standards of population and building density
11 and building intensity for the various districts and other areas covered by the Plan,
12 and regulatory criteria governing the use, development and subdivision of land;
13 provided that the land use plan for public lands shall be consistent with any land
14 use plan prepared the Department of Public Lands;

15 (b) Community Design. A community design element consisting of
16 standards and principles governing the subdivision and development of land and
17 showing recommended designs for community and neighborhood development and
18 redevelopment, including sites for schools, parks, playgrounds and other
19 community uses;

20 (c) Transportation. A transportation element which would provide a
21 comprehensive transportation and circulation system consisting of existing and
22 proposed major routes, thoroughfares, highways, and collector streets; locations of
23 rights-of-way, terminals, viaducts, and grade separation, port, harbor, aviation and
24 mass transit lines, and related facilities, all of which are correlated with the land use
25 element of the Plan;

26 (d) Regulations. A regulatory element concerning parking facilities and
27 building setback lines and the delineations of such systems on the land, a system of
28 street naming, housing and building numbering, and such other matters as may be
29 related to the improvement of circulation of traffic;

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1 (e) Public Facilities. A public services and facilities element showing
2 general plans for sewage, refuse disposal, drainage, and local utilities, and rights-
3 of-way, easements, and facilities for them;

4 (f) Public Lands. A public lands element that provides an inventory of all
5 government of the CNMI and federal lands;

6 (g) Public Buildings. A public buildings element identifying locations and
7 arrangement of civic and community centers, public schools, libraries, police and
8 fire stations, and other public buildings, including their architecture and the
9 landscape treatment of their grounds;

10 (h) Housing. A housing element consisting of standards and plans for
11 elimination of substandard dwelling conditions, the improvement of housing, and
12 the provision of adequate sites for housing;

13 (i) Redevelopment. A redevelopment element for the elimination of unsafe
14 or blighted areas, community redevelopment and the revitalization of housing sites,
15 business and industrial sites, public building sites, and for other purposes
16 authorized by law;

17 (j) Conservation. A conservation element to guide the conservation,
18 development, and utilization of natural resources including forests, soils, rivers and
19 other waters, harbors, fisheries, wildlife, minerals, and other natural resources
20 which, as sub elements, may also incorporate the following:

21 (1) Reclamation of land and waters;

22 (2) Flood control;

23 (3) Prevention and control of pollution of streams and other waters;

24 (4) Regulations of the use of land in stream channels and
25 conservation areas;

26 (5) Prevention, control, and correction of the erosion of soils,
27 beaches, and shores; and

28 (6) Protection of watersheds.

1 (k) Recreation. A recreation element establishing a comprehensive system
2 of areas and public sites for recreation, including the following and, when
3 practicable, their locations and proposed development:

- 4 (1) Natural reservations,
- 5 (2) Parks,
- 6 (3) Parkways,
- 7 (4) Beaches,
- 8 (5) Reef and lagoons,
- 9 (6) Playgrounds,
- 10 (7) Historic and archaeological sites, and
- 11 (8) Other recreation areas.

12 (l) Safety. A safety element for the protection of the community from
13 natural and man-made hazards including features necessary for such protection as
14 evacuation routes, peak load water supply requirements, minimum road widths,
15 clearances around structures, geologic hazard mapping in areas of known geologic
16 hazards;

17 (m) Tourism. A visitor industry element which will establish cooperation
18 and coordination between the public and private sectors to provide for steady and
19 regulated growth within the visitor industry, while developing the industry in a
20 manner that will continue to provide new business and job opportunities and steady
21 employment for the people of the CNMI, and which will enable The CNMI's
22 people to obtain job training and education geared for upward job mobility within
23 the industry;

24 (n) Development Policy. An overall development strategy including short
25 and long-range socioeconomic development strategy to include policy,
26 opportunities, and programs to address or alleviate problems concerning health
27 services, manpower planning, employment opportunity, education, elimination of
28 poverty, law enforcement, welfare, substandard housing, consumer protection,
29 public revenue and expenditures, cultural heritage preservation, visitor industry,

1 and the like to include population characteristics and economic analysis with
2 projections for each region and sub-region of the island;

3 (o) Capital Improvements. A short and long-range capital improvements
4 program and projects to be derived from public and private input and compiled
5 from schedules of proposed capital improvements submitted to the Director by each
6 department, agency, division, board, commission, branch, and instrumentality of
7 the government of the CNMI; and which shall provide recommendations and
8 identify programs for the balanced development of the island's port, highway,
9 communication, and public transportation facilities including, but not limited to,
10 institutions of higher learning, health and welfare facilities, correctional
11 institutions, elementary and secondary schools, electric power, water, telephone,
12 sewer and other utility facilities;

13 (p) Labor Work Force. A labor work force element which will establish
14 cooperation and coordination between the public and private sectors to provide for
15 a sufficient amount of qualified work force for all the industries in the CNMI, while
16 developing the CNMI industries in a sustainable manner that will continue to
17 provide new business and job opportunities and steady employment for the people
18 of the CNMI;

19 (q) Policy Statements. A statement of specific policies for at least each of
20 the following general areas: Socio-economic and human resource development,
21 natural resource development, environmental protection, historical, and cultural
22 preservation, public safety, housing and community development, education, land-
23 use and population growth, visitor industry, or in other areas deemed appropriate
24 by the Council;

25 (r) Other Elements. Such additional elements dealing with other subjects,
26 which in the judgment of the Council relate to the physical development of the
27 CNMI.

28 **§ 20177. Support and Coordination for Comprehensive Planning.**

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1 All agencies, departments, boards, commissions and other instrumentalities
2 of the government of The CNMI shall review their present statutory authority,
3 administrative regulations and current planning policies and procedures to
4 determine whether there is any duplication, any deficiencies or inconsistencies
5 therein which prohibit or tend to prohibit integration, coordination and compliance
6 with respect to the purposes and provisions of this Article and shall thereafter
7 propose to the Director at a date determined by the Director such measures as may
8 be necessary to bring their planning authority functions and programs into
9 conformity with the intent, purposes, and procedures set forth in this Article. All
10 master plans, development plans, long-range plans, and the like prepared by public
11 agencies shall be submitted to the Director for processing as part of the
12 comprehensive planning program. Emphasis will be placed on the continuing
13 nature of the comprehensive plan program rather than a final completion of a single
14 plan. The Director may assign, with concurrence of the director or other head of the
15 agency involved, planning staffs or portions thereof of staff or line agencies who
16 shall prepare portions of the plan under the supervision of the Office of Planning
17 and Development.

§ 20178. Plan Review: Public Hearings.

18 The Plan or any of its elements prepared by the various public agencies or
19 any private entity shall be submitted to the Council for review. Within forty-five
20 (45) days following receipt of any such element or elements by the Council, the
21 Council shall hold one (1) or more public hearings thereon in each Senatorial
22 District. Announcements of such hearings shall be printed in a newspaper of
23 general circulation in the CNMI ten (10) days and one (1) day prior thereto.
24 Summaries of the element or elements to be heard shall be prepared by the Council
25 and submitted to appropriate news media.

§ 20179. Plan Submission.

1 Within thirty (30) days after the hearing of the Plan or any of its elements,
2 the Council shall submit to the Governor and the mayor of each senatorial district
3 its recommendation thereon including a summary of testimony at the hearing(s).

4 **§ 20180. Cooperation of Other Departments and Agencies.**

5 Every department and agency of the government of the CNMI is hereby
6 directed to render such assistance to the Office of Planning and Development and
7 the Council as the Council may require.

8 **§ 20181. Plan Adoption.**

9 The Plan or any of its elements received by the Governor from the Council
10 shall be approved, disapproved or referred to the Council for further
11 recommendation prior to approval. The Governor shall have sixty (60) calendar
12 days to act on the Plan or any of its elements submitted; provided, however, that if
13 no action is taken thereon within sixty (60) calendar days after submission, the Plan
14 or any of its elements so submitted shall be deemed approved by the Governor.
15 Within ten (10) calendar days of approval by the Governor, the Plan or any of its
16 elements shall be submitted to the Legislature for adoption. The Legislature shall
17 review and approve or disapprove the Plan or any of its elements within sixty (60)
18 calendar days of its receipt. In the event of failure by the Legislature to act within
19 such sixty (60) calendar day period, the Plan or any of its elements so submitted
20 shall be deemed approved. The Legislature shall provide a written report to the
21 Council explaining the reasons for its disapproval. The Council after considering
22 the Legislature's written report may resubmit the Plan for approval as provided in
23 this section.

24 **§ 20182. Plan Implementation and Financing.**

25 The Comprehensive Sustainable Development Plan shall contain a schedule
26 of programs and projects to be implemented annually. Funding for such programs
27 and projects shall be identified in the Plan by the project's or program's principal
28 or administering government agency or instrumentalities. Funding for programs or
29 projects contained in the Plan which do not fall under the authority or responsibility

1 of any particular department, agency, or instrumentality of the government of the
2 CNMI shall be met by annual appropriation of the Legislature.

3 **§ 20183. Annual Budget.**

4 The Director shall prepare and submit the Office's first annual fiscal year
5 budget to the Legislature within ninety (90) calendar days of the enactment of this
6 article, and thereafter shall submit its annual budgets prior to the end of each fiscal
7 year. Such budget shall contain a financial breakdown of personnel, administrative
8 and all operating costs to be incurred by the Office of Planning and Development
9 and the Council in the performance of provisions set forth in this article. Said
10 personnel expenditures shall be applied to the full staffing requirements of the
11 Office of Planning and Development and Council as submitted to the Legislature
12 by the Director.

13 **§ 20184. Master Plan Proposals.**

14 The Council shall proceed to develop proposals consisting of a scope of
15 work and cost estimates for all elements of the Plan. The Council shall incorporate
16 in its annual budget submission to the Legislature the amount of financial resources
17 needed to facilitate the objectives of this article.

18 **§ 20185. Coordination of Effort.**

19 Any existing Committee, Commission, Task Force or body mandated to
20 engage in planning for the CNMI or for particular areas or jurisdictions within the
21 CNMI, shall seek to ensure that such planning efforts are provided the appropriate
22 financial, human, technical and support resources necessary to accomplish any
23 mandates or requirements of law relative to development planning; provided,
24 however, that such planning efforts are supportive of and consistent with the intent
25 of this article.

26 For purposes of this article, all plans prepared by any department, agency or
27 instrumentality of the government of the CNMI shall be circulated to other
28 agencies or instrumentalities affected by such plan and to the Office of Planning

1 and Development for review and finalization not later than sixty (60) days prior to
2 submission of the plan to the Council.

3 **§ 20186. CIP Office: Placement to the Office of Planning and**
4 **Development.**

5 The Office of Capital Improvement Plans is hereby placed under the Office
6 of Planning and Development under the Office of the Governor and shall be the
7 designated state agency for capital improvement plan purposes.”

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

12 **Section 5. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not
13 be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under
14 statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.
15 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant
16 to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any
17 way modifying, any liability civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the
18 date this Act becomes effective.

19 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
20 Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

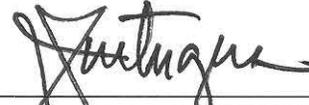
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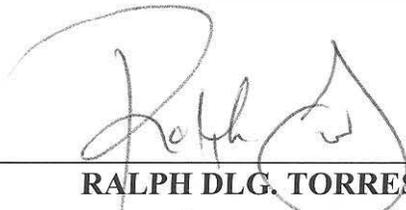


ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



JUSTO S. QUITUGUA
SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

Approved this 6th day of October, 2017



RALPH DLG. TORRES
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