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The Honorable Ponciano C. Rasa
President of the Senate
Fourth Northern Marianas
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Saipan, CM 96950

and

The Honorable Vicente M. Sablan
speaker, House of Representatives
Fourth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, CM 96950

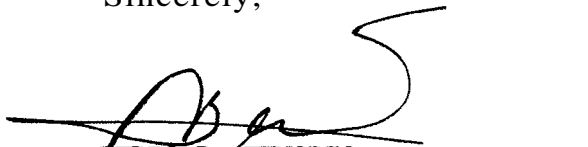
Dear *Mr. Preesident* and *Mr. Speaker*:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law Senate B111 No. 4-30, H.D.I, C.D.A, entitled, "To license shooting galleries for a three year trial period, to exempt patrons of commercial target ranges from certall sections of Chapter 2 of Title 6 of the Commonwealth Code, and for other purposes," which was passed by the Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth legislature.

In order to provide the public with a fair and equitable procedure for submission and approval of licenses, errergency regulations have been pronulgated and signed sinultaneously with Senate Bill No. 4-30 and are attached for your ready reference.

Senate Bill No. 4-30, H.D.i, C.D.4 becomes Public Law No. 4-51. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


PEDRO P. TENORIO
Governor

Attachment

cc: Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



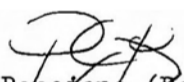
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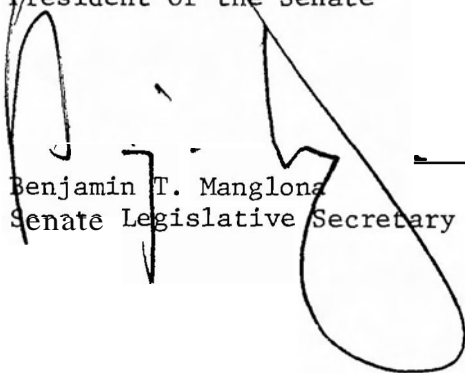
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CERTIFICATION

————— S.B. 4 30, HDI, CD4

We hereby certify that the foregoing Senate Bill passed the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, Fourth Regular Session, 1985 on July 10, 1985, by a unanimous vote of the members, a quorum being present.


Ponciano (Ponce) C. Rasa
President of the Senate


Benjamin T. Manglona
Senate Legislative Secretary

FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1984

PUBLIC LAW NO.4-51

SENATE BILL NO. 4-30,
H.D.1, C.D. 4

AN ACT

To license shooting galleries for a three year trial period, to exempt patrons of commercial target ranges from certain sections of Chapter 2 of Title 6 of the Commonwealth Code, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Short Title. This act may be cited as the Shooting Gallery Act of 1985.

Section 2. Purpose. It is the purpose of this act to license a maximum of two shooting galleries, for a three year period. This pilot project will be used to study the safety and commercial viability of operating shooting galleries in the Commonwealth.

Section 3. License Fee. A shooting gallery shall pay a license fee of \$5,000 per calendar year, which shall be deposited in the General Fund of the Commonwealth Government. This license shall only be issued to individuals who are citizens of the U.S. as defined by Section 8 of the Schedule on Transitional Matters of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or permanent residents of the CNMI. If the applicant for such a license is a corporation, it must be wholly owned by such individuals.

Section 4. Amendment to Weapons Control Act. Title 6, Section 2203 of the Commonwealth Code is amended by the addition of the following new subsection:

liCe) Owners, employees, and patrons of shooting galleries, while on the premises of the gallery and engaged in target shooting. This exemption shall not apply to Sections 2222, 2227 and 2230 of this Chapter.

An owner or employee of a shooting gallery is exempt from this Chapter only for the purposes of operating a shooting gallery where patrons are engaged in target shooting. It is unlawful for an owner or employee of a shooting gallery to sell or otherwise transfer a weapon to another person other than for the temporary purpose of engaging in target shooting."

Section 5. Regulation of Shooting Galleries. The Attorney General shall promulgate regulations for the licensing and safe operation for a maximum of two shooting galleries to be awarded to qualified applicants on a first come first served basis. Those regulations shall provide for but not be limited to:

(a) Guidelines for the secure storage of weapons kept on the premises of the shooting galleries, to include a safe or other secure storage as well as an inventory of weapons and ammunition, to be verified on a weekly basis by an authorized representative of the Department of Public Safety;

(b) The purchase of at least \$300,000 of liability insurance coverage by shooting galleries;

(c) A requirement that shooting galleries be located in uninhabited or sparsely populated areas, for safety reasons and to avoid the disturbance of residents from noise;

(d) A requirement that a Shooting Gallery Licensee shall have only one gallery building or location where the licensee posts a security guard at all times when weapons are used on the premises. Such security guard shall possess a valid weapons

Identification card as required in 6 CMC Section 2204;

(e) To require all owners or employees of shooting galleries to possess a minimum of 50 hours of training in the safe handling and operation of weapons;

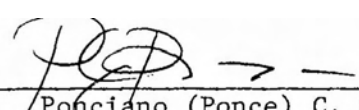
(f) To require all owners or employees of shooting galleries to maintain a list of the names of people who use the weapons, expend ammunition and the date and time of such use. These reports will be filed with the Department of Public Safety on a quarterly basis;

(g) To provide for a penalty of \$5,000 and possible loss of the gallery license if any weapons are missing or unaccounted for.

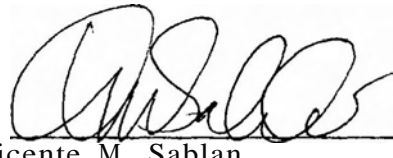
Section 6. Indemnification. A shooting gallery shall indemnify the government for any liability it may incur in connection with Section 5 of this act.

Section 7. Duration. The exemption for shooting galleries provided in Section 4 shall expire three years after the effective date of this Act.

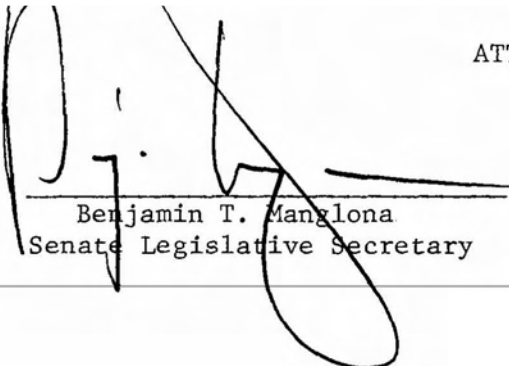
Section 8. Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval.



Ponciano (Ponce) C. Rasa
President of the Senate

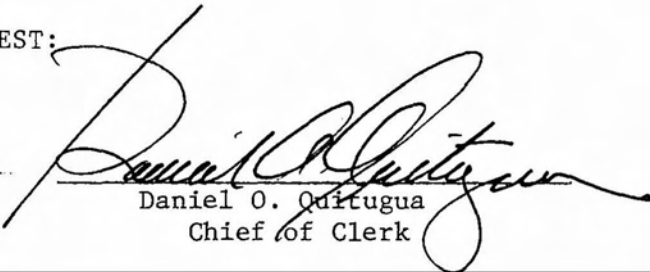


Vicente M. Sablan
Speaker
House of Representatives

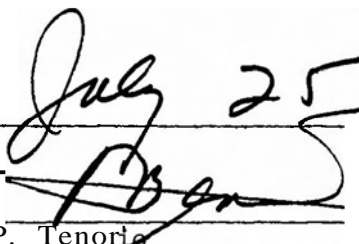


Benjamin T. Manglona
Senate Legislative Secretary

ATTEST:



Daniel O. Quitugua
Chief of Clerk



Pedro P. Tenorio
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

July 25 1985
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