

NINTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC LAW NO. 9-69

H. B. NO. 9-372

THIRD REGUALR SESSION, 1995

AN ACT

To amend 9 CMC 5251 (f) to delete the portion requiring the Commissioner of Public Safety to make regulations prior to erecting speed limit signs limiting the speed in an area; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NINTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that our roads are improving, making high speed travel along them easier. Such high speed travel may cause safety problems. In addition, the road improvements make travel routes more complex. In order to facilitate the safe travel along the Commonwealth's improving roads, it may become necessary for prompt action to regulate the maximum speed of travel along the roads. The Commissioner of Public Safety must be given the ability to quickly regulate speeds in certain areas. Consequently, the deletion of the requirement for regulations will facilitate this process.

Section 2. Amendment 9 CMC 5251 (f) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(f) The Commissioner may designate, certain areas as limited speed areas, based upon engineering and traffic investigation studies, and mark those areas with conspicuous and appropriate warning signs. No vehicle may be operated in those areas in excess of the maximum speeds as are indicated by the signs."

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

Section 4. Savings Clause. This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under

any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes effective.

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

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