NO. 11-105, HD1

ELEVENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 1999

AN ACT

To make registration with the Selective Service System a prerequisite to employment with the Commonwealth government; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ELEVENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. <u>Short Title</u>. This Act may be cited as the Selective Service Compliance Act of 1999.

Section 2. Findings.

- (a) The Legislature:
- (1) finds that the mission of the U.S. Selective Service is to provide manpower to the U.S. Armed Forces in the event of a national emergency requiring the expansion of the armed forces, and
- (2) encourages all young men in the CNMI to register with the Selective Service System.
- (b) In addition, the Legislature recognizes that registration is required of young men to stay eligible for Federal student loans and grants, state student aid (in many states) and even admission to some state schools, job training benefits, many Federal jobs such as jobs with the U.S. Postal Service and the U.S. Executive Branch, and U.S. citizenship for male immigrants seeking citizenship.

Section 3. <u>Government Employment: Registration with Federal Selective Service System Required</u>. Every male, who is at least 18 years old but has not yet attained the age of 26 years, seeking employment with the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, any branch, agency, instrumentality, political subdivision, or public corporation thereof, shall submit documentation evidencing his registration

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with the Federal Selective Service System. Those in the age range offered employment with the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, any branch, agency, instrumentality, political subdivision, or public corporation thereof, shall be prohibited from such employment until such time as he does submit the required documentation.

Section 5. <u>Severability</u>. 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 6. <u>Savings Clause</u>. 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herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.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 7. <u>Effective Date</u>. This bill shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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| PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE | SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY |
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| /s/ Pedro P. Tenorio | |
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