

RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor



VICTOR B. HOCOG
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH of the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

11 APR 2018

The Honorable Arnold I. Palacios
Senate President, The Senate
Twentieth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

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. 20-90, HD1, entitled, "To amend 1 CMC § 1610(a); to permit youth congress sessions every two months.", which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 20-55**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph DLG. Torres".

RALPH DLG. TORRES

cc: Lt. Governor; Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; CNMI Youth Congress; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



THE SENATE
Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
P. O. Box 500129
Saipan, MP 96950

March 06, 2018

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

Dear Governor Torres:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your action Senate Bill No. 20-90, HD1, entitled: "To amend 1 CMC § 1610(a); to permit youth congress sessions every two months," which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dolores S. Bermudes".

Dolores S. Bermudes
Senate Clerk

Attachments



THE SENATE
TWENTYETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE BILL NO. 20-90, HD1

AN ACT

To amend 1 CMC § 1610(a); to permit youth congress sessions every two months.

SENATE ACTION

Offered by Senator(s): Justo S. Quitugua

Date: January 30, 2018

Referred to: None

Standing Committee Report No.: None

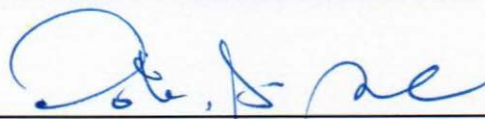
First and Final Reading: March 05, 2018

HOUSE ACTION

Referred to: None

Standing Committee Report No.: None

First and Final Reading: February 16, 2018


DOLORES S. BERMUDES
SENATE CLERK



THE SENATE
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2018

S. B. NO. 20-90, HD1

AN ACT

To amend 1 CMC § 1610(a); to permit youth congress sessions every two months.

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

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that Public Law 8-27
2 established the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress under the
3 administrative supervision of the Legislative Bureau of the Northern Marianas
4 Commonwealth Legislature. Establishment of the Youth Congress was to provide a system
5 of government granting political exposure to our youth about the duties and responsibilities
6 of the legislative process.

7 The Legislature further finds that as future leaders of the Commonwealth, the
8 Youth Congress is empowered to make its own rules, establish committees, hold hearings,
9 pass resolutions, prepare and pass bills, which is then forwarded to the Governor and the
10 presiding officers of the Legislature for disposition.

11 The Legislature further finds that as the members of the Youth Congress address
12 concerns, aspirations, and desires within our youth community that they be recognized for
13 taking an active role in introducing legislation to represent our youth as future leaders of
14 the Commonwealth.

15 The Legislature further finds that on January 20, 2018, the Sixteenth
16 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress convened in an open and
17 public session to entertain legislative business of the youth. At the session, Youth Congress
18 Bill No. 16-02, entitled, *To amend 1 CMC § 1610(a); and for other purposes*, was passed

SENATE BILL NO. 20-90, HD1

1 by the members present.

2 The Legislature further finds that based on the findings stated in Youth Congress
3 Bill No. 16-02, that the Youth Congress currently convenes for a total of four regular
4 sessions within a year, except for special sessions. The limitation of regular sessions
5 hinders the responsibilities of the members of the Youth Congress in introducing and
6 entertaining legislation and resolutions to address the pressing issues facing our youth in
7 the CNMI.

8 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to adhere to the intent of Youth Congress Bill
9 No, 16-02, by amending 1 CMC § 1610 (a) to increase the number of sessions from four
10 regular sessions to six which will permit the Youth Congress to have a regular session
11 every two months rather than every three months.

12 **Section 2. Amendment.** 1 CMC § 1610 (a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 “(a) Regular sessions of the youth congress ~~shall~~ may be held every ~~three~~
14 two months on the third Saturday of the month, exclusive of holidays, for one day,
15 commencing the third Saturday in April. Additional session days, but not more than
16 three days, are permitted each year.”

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

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

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

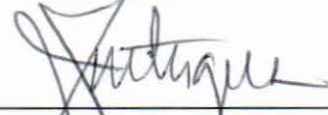
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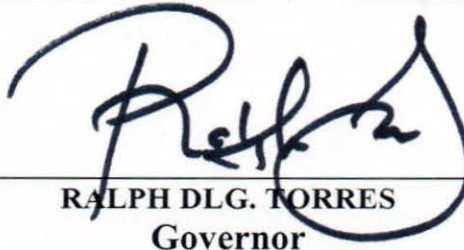
ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ATTESTED BY:



JUSTO S. QUITUGUA
SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

Approved this 11th day of APRIL, 2018



RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands