

**SAIPAN *and* NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
THIRTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2002

SAIPAN LOCALIAW NO. 13-16
HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 13-005

A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT

To establish a Saipan or Northern Islands Resident Identification Card Program; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

Section 1. Title. This Act may be cited as the ‘Saipan or Northern Islands Resident Identification Card Program Act of 2002’.

Section 2. Findings. The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation finds that local banks, stores and other business establishments require proper identification to cash personal, government, company and other checks. Also, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation finds that there are still many residents who do not have a driver’s license or other forms of identification card to properly identify them. Further, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation finds that this local government identification card could be used to allow U.S. citizens residing on Saipan to enter Guam and other U.S. Territories in lieu of a U.S. Passport in emergency cases.

To this end, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation believes that issuance of this Saipan or Northern Islands Identification Card will reduce, if not, eliminate the problem of a true and correct identification of a Saipan or Northern Islands residents.

Section 3. Definitions. In this Act:

- (a) “Office of the Mayor” means the Mayors of Saipan or Northern Islands.
- (b) “Minor” means a person less than 18 years of age.
- (c) “Person” means an individual, including a minor, who is a resident of Saipan or Northern Islands and who is:

- (1) A citizen of the United States as defined by United States Law or Constitution of the Commonwealth; or
- (2) Citizen or permanent resident of Saipan or Northern Islands as may be defined by law; or
- (3) Legally admitted into Saipan or Northern Islands pursuant to the Compacts entered into between the “Freely Associated States” of Micronesia and the United States.
- (4) “Senior Citizen” means a person more than 55 years of age.
- (e) “Freely Associated States” means the Republic of Palau.

Section 4. Resident Identification Card.

(a) Upon payment of the required fee and determination by the Office of the Mayor of lawful residents status, the Office of the Mayor shall issue to a person, a resident identification card. The application shall be accompanied by a certificate copy of the applicant’s birth certificate, a passport, U.S. social security number or any other document determined to be necessary by the Office of the Mayor for the expeditious processing of the identification card.

(b) At a minimum, the card shall have on it a distinguishing number assigned to the card, the full name, sex, date of birth, residence address, a brief description including a photograph, if possible, of the cardholder and either a facsimile of the signature of the cardholder or a space upon which the cardholder shall write his usual signature with pen and ink immediately upon receipt of the identification card. No identification card shall be valid unless it has been signed by the cardholder and the Mayor or his/her designee.

Section 5. Expiration. Each identification card shall expire three years from the date of issuance and may be renewed upon payment of a renewal fee and submission of any information required by the Office of the Mayor to determine the identity of the applicant and lawful residence status.

Section 6. Lost or Damaged Cards. If any identification card is lost, mutilated or becomes illegible, the owner or legal representative of whom the card is issued shall immediately notify the Office of the Mayor. Upon furnishing satisfactory information to the Office of the Mayor and payment of a fee, the applicant may obtain a duplicate, a substitute, or a new resident identification card as determined to be most advisable by the Office of the Mayor.

Section 7. Cost of Resident Identification Card. The Office of the Mayor may charge an administrative fee \$15 for each identification card issue or renewed except that identification cards issued or renewed for minor, senior citizen or disabled person shall be \$7.

Section 8. Resident Identification Card Fund.

(a) There is hereby established a special fund within the Department of Finance, which shall be known and designated as the Resident Identification Card Fund for each respective mayoral office.

(b) Each Resident Identification Card Fund shall be identified pursuant to the collection activity by the Mayors.

Section 9. Appropriation. The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation shall appropriate all funds collected by this Act.


Section 10. Rule making. The Office of the Mayor shall promulgate and adopt rules and regulation necessary to administer the provision of this Act.

Section 11. 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.

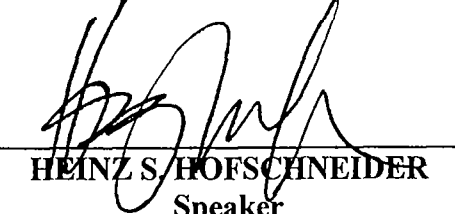
Section 12. Savings Clause. This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect 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 13. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:



PETE P. REYES
Chairman
Saipan and Northern Islands
Legislative Delegation



HEINZ S. HOFSCHEIDER
Speaker
House of Representatives

Approved this *2nd* day of *July*, 2003.



JUAN N. BABAUTA
Governor