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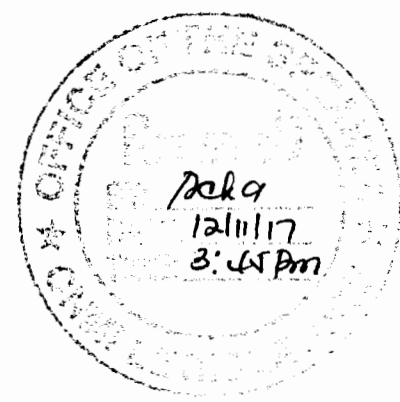
VICTOR B. HOCOG
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH of the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Rafael S. Demapan
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twentieth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Arnold I. Palacios
Senate President, The Senate
Twentieth Northern Marianas
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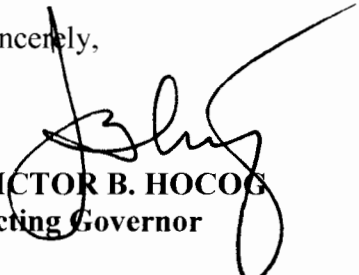


Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law House Bill No. 20-18, entitled, "To amend 6 CMC §2256 (a) (10), the hours of operation for shooting galleries and shooting ranges; and for other purposes," which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 20-29**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


VICTOR B. HOCOG
Acting Governor

cc: Governor; Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; Department of Public Safety; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review

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*Twentieth Legislature
of the
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

First Regular Session

January 31, 2017

REPRESENTATIVE LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez,) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

H. B. No. 20-18

AN ACT

**TO AMEND 6 CMC §2256 (A) (10), THE HOURS OF
OPERATION FOR SHOOTING GALLERIES AND SHOOTING
RANGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

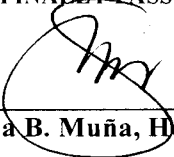
The Bill was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism, which submitted Standing Committee Report No. 20-11, S1; adopted 6/27/17.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON
FIRST AND FINAL READING, JUNE 27, 2017;**
without amendments and transmitted to the
THE SENATE.

The Bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs, which submitted Standing Committee Report No. 20-50; adopted 10/25/17.

THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, OCTOBER 25, 2017;
without amendments and was returned to
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON JUNE 27, 2017.



Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



Twentieth Legislature
of the
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST DAY, FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION

JUNE 27, 2017

H. B. NO. 20-18

AN ACT

**TO AMEND 6 CMC §2256 (A) (10), THE HOURS OF OPERATION
FOR SHOOTING GALLERIES AND SHOOTING RANGES; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**Be it enacted by the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth
Legislature:**

1 **Section 1. Findings.** The Legislature finds that Public Law 19-37 amended 6 CMC
2 §2256 (a) by adding a new subsection (10) to read as follows “(10) Shooting galleries and
3 shooting ranges shall operate from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM.”. Public Law 19-37 enacted
4 provisions regulating the hours of operations from Shooting galleries and shooting ranges.
5 The Legislature finds that many residential homes are within close proximity of the shooting
6 range located in Kannat Tabla. Many residents who live within the area are concerned when
7 the expended rounds are fired, exhibiting a gunshot echo, so late in the evening such as from
8 9PM to 11PM. At this time, residents are settling down from either a hard day of labor or a
9 long day of school. It becomes unsettling when gun fire is heard at a time that is usually
10 reserved for rest or leisure time.

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1 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to amend the shooting galleries and shooting
2 ranges hours of operation to provide for a reasonable set of hours of operations and at the
3 same time will serve to protect the publics' health and well-being of residents living in the
4 proximity to shooting ranges and to limit nuisance noise conditions.

5 **Section 2. Amendment.** Title 6 Section 2256 (a) (10) is hereby amended to read as
6 follows:

7 **“§ 2256. Restrictions on Shooting Galleries and Shooting Ranges.**

8 (a) All shooting galleries and shooting ranges shall adhere to the following
9 restrictions:

10 (10) Shooting galleries shall operate from 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

11 **Section 3. Amendment.** Title 6 Section 2256 (a) is further amended by adding a
12 new subsection (11) is added to read as follows:

13 “(11) Shooting ranges shall operate from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM.”


14 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
15 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
16 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
17 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

18 **Section 5. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
19 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
20 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers
21 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law.
22 The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying,
23 any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act
24 becomes effective.

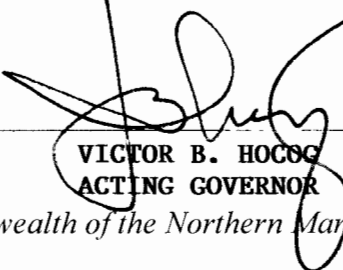
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1 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
2 Governor or becoming law without such approval.

Attested to by: 
Linda B. Muña, House Clerk

Certified by: 
SPEAKER RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN
House of Representatives
20th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Approved this 11th day of December, 2017


VICTOR B. HOCOG
ACTING GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands