

Sixteenth Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Youth Congress

Y.C.B. No. 16-02

1st Day, Third Regular Session, 2018

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend 1 CMC § 1610 (a); and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE SIXTEENTH COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS YOUTH CONGRESS:**

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The CNMI Youth Congress finds that
2 the Youth Congress currently has only a total of four regular sessions within a
3 year except for special sessions. The CNMI Youth Congress finds that there are
4 many pressing issues that need to be addressed in the CNMI and many of the
5 members of the Youth Congress have ideas such as legislations and/or resolutions
6 to introduce to contribute to address those issues but are limited to only four
7 regular sessions a year.

8 The CNMI Youth Congress further finds that it is prudent and necessary to
9 amend the current statute to allow for more regular sessions in a year for the
10 CNMI Youth Congress. Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to amend 1 CMC §
11 1610 (a) by changing the session dates from every three months to every two
12 months.

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

15 “(a) Regular sessions of the youth congress shall be held every ~~three~~
16 two months on the third Saturday of the month, exclusive of holidays, for one day,

1 commencing the third Saturday of the month, exclusive of holidays, for one day,
2 commencing the third Saturday in April. Additional session days, but not more
3 than three days, are permitted each year.”

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

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11 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted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

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

Prefiled: 01/08/18

Date: 1/8/18

Introduced By: 
Sen. Christian D. Merante