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The Honorable Vicente M. Sablan
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Fourth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, CM 96950

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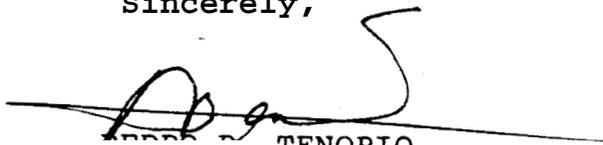
The Honorable Ponciano C. Rasa
President of the Senate
Fourth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, CM 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law House Bill No. 35, H.D.2, C.D.1, entitled, "Providing for the licensing of professional engineers, architects, land surveyors, and landscape architects; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth-Legislature.

This legislation becomes Public Law No. 4-53. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your ready reference.

Sincerely,


EUSEBIO TENORIO
Governor

CC: Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review

FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION, 1985

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Offered by Representative Vicente M. Sablan

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House Action

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Conference Committee Report No. 4-11

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Senate Action

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Conference Committee Report 4-11

Final Reading: July 29, 1985

Daniel O. Quitugua
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1984

AN ACT

Providing for the licensing of professional engineers, architects, land surveyors, and landscape architects; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. Definitions. As used in this Act the following
 2 definitions shall apply:

3 (a) Engineer.

4 (1) Engineer - "Engineer" means a person who,
 5 by reason of his special knowledge and use of the
 6 mathematical, physical and engineering sciences and
 7 the principles and methods of engineering analysis
 8 and design, acquired by engineering education and
 9 engineering experience, is qualified to practice
 10 engineering.

11 (2) Professional Engineer - "Professional
 12 Engineer" means a person who has been duly registered
 13 as a Professional Engineer by the Board.

14 (3) Practice of Engineering - "Practice of
 15 Engineering" means any service or creative work, the
 16 adequate performance of which requires knowledge of
 17 the mathematical, physical and engineering sciences
 18 to such services or creative work as consultation,
 19 investigation, evaluation, planning and design of
 20 engineering works and systems, planning the use of
 21 land and water, teaching of advanced engineering

1 subjects, **engineering surveys** and the inspection of
2 construction for the purpose of **assuring compliance**
3 with the drawings and specifications; any of which
4 embraces such services or work, either public or
5 private, in **connection with** any utilities, structures,
6 buildings, machines, equipment, processes, work
7 systems, projects and industrial or consumer products
8 or equipment of a mechanical, electrical, hydraulic,
9 pneumatic or thermal nature, insofar as they involve
10 safeguarding life, health or property, and including
11 such other professional services as may be necessary
12 to the planning, progress and completion of any
13 engineering services .

14 A person shall be construed to practice or offer
15 to practice engineering, within the meaning and intent
16 of this Act, **who** practices any branch of the profession
17 of engineering or **who**, by verbal claim, sign,
18 advertisement, letterhead, card or in any other **way**
19 represents himself to be a professional engineer or
20 through the use of **some** other title implies that he
21 is a professional engineer or that **he** is registered
22 under this Act or holds himself out as able to **perform**
23 **or who** does perform any engineering service **or work** or
24 any other service designated **by** the practitioner which
25 is recognized as engineering.

1 (b) Land Surveyor.

2 (1) Land Surveyor - "Land Surveyor" meant a
3 person who has been **duly** registered as a land **surveyor**
4 by the **Board** under this Act, and who is a professional
5 specialist in the technique of measuring land, educated
6 in the basic **principles** of mathematics, the related
7 **physical** and applied sciences and the relevant
8 requirements of law for adequate evidence and all
9 requisite to surveying of real property and engaged
10 in the practice of land surveying as herein defined.

11 (2) Practice of Land Surveying - "Practice of
12 Land Surveying" means any service or **work**, the
13 adequate performance of which involves the application
14 of special knowledge of the principles of mathematics,
15 the related physical and applied sciences and the
16 relevant **requirements** of law for adequate evidence to
17 the act of **measuring** and locating lines, angles,
18 elevations, natural and man-made features in the air,
19 on the surface of the earth, within underground
20 workings, and on the beds of bodies of **water** for the
21 purpose of determining areas and **volumes**, for the
22 **monumenting** of **property boundaries** and for the
23 platting and layout of lands and subdivisions thereof,
24 including the topography, **alignment** and grades of
25 streets and for the preparation and perpetuation of

1 **maps, record plats, field nota records and** property
2 descriptions that represent these surveys.

3 Any person shall be construed to practice or
4 offer to practice land surveying with the meaning and
5 intent of this Act who engages in land surveying or
6 who by verbal claim, sign, letterhead, card or in any
7 other way represents himself to be a land surveyor or
8 who represents himself as able to perform or who does
9 perform any land surveying service or work or any
10 other service designated by the practitioner which is
11 recognized as land surveying.

12 (c) Architect.

13 (1) "Architect" means a person who has been
14 duly registered by the Board to engage in the
15 practice of architecture, as hereinafter defined.

16 (2) A person practices "architecture" who holds
17 himself or herself out as able to perform, or who does
18 perform, any professional service such as consultation,
19 investigation, evaluation, planning, design, including
20 aesthetic and structural design, or responsible
21 supervision of construction, in connection with any
22 private or public buildings, structures, or projects
23 or the equipment or utilities thereof, or the
24 accessories thereto, wherein the safeguarding of life,
25 health, or property is concerned or involved, when

1 **such professional service requires the application**
2 of the **art** and science of construction **based** upon
3 the principles of **mathematics**, aesthetics, and the
4 physical science.

5 (d) Landscape Architecture.

6 (1) "Landscape architect" means a person who
7 **has** been duly registered by the Board to engage in
8 the practice of landscape architecture as hereinafter
9 defined.

10 (2) A person practices 'landscape architecture'
11 who holds himself or herself out as able to perform
12 professional services wch as consultation,
13 investigation, reconnaissance, research, design,
14 preparation of drawings and specifications, and
15 responsible **supervision where the dominant purpose**
16 of such services is (a) the preservation and
17 **enhancement** of land uses **and** natural-land features;
18 (b) the location and construction of **aesthetically**
19 pleasing and functional approaches **for** structures,
20 **roadways**, and walkways; and, (c) design for
21 equestrian trails, plantings, landscape Irrigation,
22 landscape lighting, and landscape grading. **This**
23 practice shall include the location, arrangements ,
24 and design of such tangible objects and features as
25 are incidental and necessary to the purposes

1 outlined herein. Nothing herein shall preclude a
2 duly licensed landscape architect from planning the
3 development of land areas and tenants used thereon
4 or from performing any of the services described in
5 this section in connection with the settings,
7 approaches, or environment for buildings, structures,
8 or facilities;

9 (e) 'Board' means the Board of Professional Licensing,
10 as established by Chapter 5 of Public Law No. 1-8;

11 (f) "Commonwealth" means the Commonwealth of the
12 Northern Mariana Islands, and its public corporations.
13 This Act shall not empower a landscape architect,
14 registered under this Act, to practice, or offer to
15 practice, architecture or engineering in any of its
16 various recognized branches.

17 Section 2. Registration of practicing engineers, etc. In order
18 to safeguard life, health, and property, no person except those
19 exempted by Sections 3 and 5 of this Act shall practice professional
20 engineering, architecture, land surveying or landscape architecture in
21 the Commonwealth unless such person is duly registered under this Act.

22 Section 3. Persons exempt from registration; temporary permits.
23 The following shall be exempted from this Act:

24 (1) Persons practicing professional engineering,
25 architecture, land surveying or landscape architecture
26 solely as officers or employees of the United States;

1 (2) Persons practicing professional engineering,
2 architecture, land surveying or landscape architecture
3 solely as officers or employees of the Commonwealth
4 during the terms of office or employment of such
5 persons;

6 (3) Such nonresident persons as may be granted
7 temporary permits by the Board to practice professional
8 engineering, architecture, land surveying or landscape
9 architecture for a limited period. Temporary permits
10 may be issued only to persons who present evidence
11 satisfactory to the Board that they possess the same
12 qualifications as are required of applicants for
13 permanent registration, and such temporary permits may
14 be canceled at any time at the pleasure of the Board.
15 The fee for each temporary permit shall be fixed by the
16 Board by regulation.

17 Section 4. Public works, plans, etc., for and supervision of.
18 The Commonwealth and its officers shall not engage in the-construction
19 of any public work involving professional engineering, architecture or
20 landscape architecture for which the plans, specifications and estimates
21 have not been made and the construction of which is not supervised by a
22 professional engineer, architect or landscape architect duly registered
23 hereunder; Provided, that nothing in this section shall apply to any
24 public work involving professional engineering, architecture or
25 landscape architecture wherein the expenditure therefor does not exceed

1 the sum of \$15,000.00. All land surveys involving property [REDACTED]
2 for public purposes or plans thereof shall be made or supervised by a
3 registered land surveyor.

4 Section 5. Limitation upon application of Act.

5 (1) Nothing in this Act shall prevent any person
6 from engaging in engineering or architectural work and
7 undertakings upon property owned or exclusively controlled
8 or possessed by that person, unless the same involves the
9 safety or health of the public; nor shall anything in this
10 Act prevent any person from engaging in land surveying
11 upon property owned or exclusively controlled or possessed
12 by that person, unless the same involves a common boundary.

13 (2) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as
14 applying to the business conducted in the Commonwealth by
15 any agriculturist, horticulturist, tree expert, arborist,
16 forester, garden shop operator, nurseryman or landscape
17 nurseryman, gardener, landscape gardener, landscape
18 contractor, landscape designer, landscape consultant,
19 garden or lawn caretaker, or cultivator of land, as these
20 terms are generally used, except that no such person
21 shall use the designation 'landscape architect',
22 'landscape architectural' or 'landscape architecture',
23 unless registered under the provisions of this Act.

24 Section 6. Qualifications for registration. No person shall be eligible
25 for registration as a professional engineer, architect, land surveyor or
26 landscape architect unless :

1 (1) Such person is the holder of an unexpired
2 certificate of registration issued to him by my
3 jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, in which the
4 requirements for registration at the time such person
5 was first registered were of a standard satisfactory to
6 the Board; Provided, that such person shall successfully
7 pass a written or oral examination, or both, prescribed
8 by the board and designed to test his or her knowledge
9 of laws and regulations of the Commonwealth for the
10 profession for which registration is desired; or

11 (2) Such person is a graduate of a school or college
12 approved by the Board as of satisfactory standing, and has
13 completed an engineering or landscape architectural
14 curriculum of four years or more, all as the case may be;
15 and also has had four years of full-time lawful experience
16 in engineering or landscape architecture work, as the case
17 may be, of a character satisfactory to the board, or
18 part-time experience which the board finds to be the
19 equivalent thereof; and has also successfully passed a
20 written or oral examination, or both prescribed by the
21 board and designed to test such person's knowledge; skill
22 and competency in the profession for which registration
23 is desired; or

24 (3) Such person has had twelve years of full-time
25 lawful experience in engineering or landscape architecture

1 **work as the case may be, of a character satisfactory to**
2 the Board, **or part-time experience which the board finds**
3 to be the equivalent thereof; and has **also** successfully
4 passed a **written** or oral examination, **or both**, prescribed
5 by the board and designed to test such person's knowledge,
6 skill, and competency in the profession **for** which
7 registration is desired; or

8 (4) (a) Such person holds a masters degree in
9 architecture **from** an approved Institution of higher
10 **education** with training and education in the field of
11 architecture adequate to the satisfaction of the Board;
12 and has also had one year of full-time lawful experience
13 in architecture work of a character satisfactory to the
14 Board; and has also successfully passed a professional
15 written or oral examination, **or both**, prescribed by the
16 Board and designed to test such person's knowledge, skill,
17 and competency **in** the profession of architecture; or

18 (b) Such **person** holds a bachelors **degree** in
19 architecture **from a** school or college approved by
20 the Board as of satisfactory standing, and **has**
21 completed an **architectural curriculum** of five-
22 years; and **has** also had **two** years of full-time
23 lawful experience in architecture **work of a**
24 character satisfactory **to** the Board; and has
25 also successfully **passed** a professional written

1 or oral examination, or both, prescribed by
2 the Board and designed to test such person's
3 knowledge, skill, and competency in the
4 profession of architecture; or

5 (5) Such person is a graduate of a school or college
6 approved by the Board as of satisfactory standing and has
7 completed a pre-architecture or arts and science curriculum
8 of four years or more; and has also had five years of
9 full-time lawful experience in architecture work of a
10 character satisfactory to the Board; and has also
11 successfully passed a qualifying written examination and
12 a professional written or oral examination, or both,
13 prescribed by the Board and designed to test such person's
14 knowledge, skill, and competency in the profession of
15 architecture; or

16 (6) Such person has had twelve years of full-time
17 lawful experience in architecture work of a character
18 satisfactory to the Board; and has also successfully
19 passed a qualifying written examination and a professional
20 written or oral examination, or both, prescribed by the
21 Board and designed to test such person's knowledge, skill,
22 and competency in the profession of architecture; or

23 (7) Such person is a graduate of a school or college
24 approved by the Board as of satisfactory standing, and has
25 completed a geo-science, civil engineering or general

1 **engineering curriculum of four years or more; and has also**
2 had **four years** of full-time lawful **experience** in land
3 surveying of a **character** satisfactory to the Board; and
4 has also successfully passed a professional written **or**
5 oral examination, **or both**, prescribed by the Board and
6 designed to test such person's knowledge, skill, and
7 competence in the profession of land **surveying; or**

8 (8) Such person is a graduate of a **community** college
9 approved by the Board as of satisfactory standing, and has
10 completed a civil engineering technology (survey option)
11 curriculum of **two years or more**; and has also **had eight**
12 **years** of full-time lawful experience in land surveying of
13 a character satisfactory to the Board; and **has also**
14 successfully passed a qualifying written examination and
15 a professional written **or** oral examination, **or both**,
16 prescribed by the Board and designed to test such person's
17 knowledge, skill, and competency in **the** profession of land
18 surveying; **or**

19 (9) Such person has had **twelve** years of full-time
20 lawful experience in land surveying of a character
21 satisfactory **to** the Board; and **has** also successfully
22 passed a qualifying written examination and a professional
23 written **or** oral examination, **or both**, prescribed by the
24 Board and designed to test such person's knowledge, skill,
25 and competency in the profession of land **surveying; or**

1 **(10) Such person was a Registered Land Surveyor**
2 under **Title 31** of the Trust Territory Code as of **December**
3 **31, 1979; and** applies for registration as a land surveyor
4 under this Act by **June 30, 1985; or**

5 **(11) Such person meets all of the qualifications**
6 for registration as a Professional Engineer, **Architect,**
7 **or** landscape Architect under any of subsections **(1)**
8 through **(7)** of this Section, other than the passage of
9 an examination prescribed by the Board; and has been a
10 daniciliary of and practiced such profession in the
11 **Commonwealth for at least four years up to and including**
12 **December 31, 1985; and who applies for registration**
13 under this **Act** by that date.

14 In addition to the foregoing requirements, the **Board,**
15 **may, in its discretion, require additional proof that the**
16 **applicant's is** canpetent to practice professionally, and
17 whenever the **Board** is not **fully** satisfied **from** the **results**
18 of an **examination** that an applicant-is canpetent to
19 practlce **professionally, it may** give the applicant a
20 further exmination **or** exaninatlons.

21 **No person shall be eligible for registration as a**
22 **professional engineer , architect, land surveyor or**
23 landscape architect **who** is not of good character and
24 **reputation.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this
25 Section **6,** no **person** shall be cligible for registration

1 as an engineer under the provisions of subsection (2) or
2 (3) of this Section unless such person shall first have
3 passed a written or oral examination, or both, prescribed
4 by the Board and designed to test such person's knowledge,
5 skill, and competency in engineering fundamentals.

6 No person shall be eligible for registration as a
7 structural engineer unless such person shall first have
8 been registered as a civil engineer.

9 The Board shall by regulation provide for the
10 registration and certification of engineers in training
11 and land surveyors in training.

12 Section 7. Applications for and certificates of registration;
13 renewal. Application for registration shall be made upon application
14 forms to be furnished by the Board, and shall be signed and sworn to by
15 the applicant. With each application there shall be paid to the Board
16 an application fee, the fee to be nonreturnable after the application
17 has been entered in the records of the Board.

18 For each examination, or repetition thereof in whole or in part as
19 shall be limited or permitted by the rules and regulations of the Board,
20 the applicant shall pay to the Board an examination fee, in such amount
21 as the Board shall fix by regulation. The fee paid shall not be
22 refundable; Provided, if an applicant after having paid the fee is
23 unable for any reason beyond his or her control to participate in the
24 examination, the board may extend the time of the applicant's
25 participation to the next regular examination date and credit the
26 applicant the amount of the fee paid.

1 **Upon qualifying for registration, the applicant shall pay** I
2 registration fee, in such **amount** as the Board shall fix by regulation,
3 and upon receipt thereof by the **Board**, shall thereupon be registered
4 as a professional engineer, architect, land surveyor **or** landscape
5 architect, and shall receive a certificate thereof **from** the Board
6 signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

7 The Board shall keep a record of its proceedings concerning all
8 **applicants** for registration as engineer, architect, or surveyor,
9 including the date of application, name, age, educational, and other
10 qualifications, place of business and residence, whether or not an
11 examination **was** required, and **whether or** not the applicant **was**
12 registered and a certificate issued to him **or** her, and the date of such
13 action. The records shall be prima facie evidence of all matters
14 therein contained.

15 Every person registered **who**, as an individual or as a **member** of a
16 **firm** or corporation, conducts an office or other place of business for
17 the practice of his profession shall display his or her **original**
18 certificate in a conspicuous manner, in **his or her principal office or**
19 place of business.

20 Every certificate of registration expires on April 30 of each
21 evennumbered year following its issuance **or** renewal and **becomes** invalid
22 after that date unless renewed. The **Secretary** of the Board shall mail,
23 at least one month in advance of the date of expiration of the
24 certificate of registration, a notice to every person registered
25 hereunder giving the date of expiration and the amount **required for** the

1 **renewal thereof. The Board shall by regulation fix the fee for renewal**
2 **certificate. Certificates of registration which have expired for**
3 **failure to pay renewal fees on or before the date hereinabove required**
4 **may be reinstated within one year of the expiration date upon payment of**
5 **the renewal fee fixed by the Board, plus a penalty, in such amount as**
6 **the Board shall fix by regulation, for each calendar month or fraction**
7 **thereof until the renewal fee is paid.**

8 Section 8. Suspension or revocation of certificates. The Board
9 may revoke or suspend the certificate of registration of any person
10 hereunder who is found guilty of any fraud or deceit in obtaining the
11 **certificate, or of gross negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in the**
12 **practice of his profession, or who is convicted of violating this Act or**
13 **the rules or regulations of the Board. Any person, including a Board**
14 **member, may prefer charges in writing with the Secretary of the Board**
15 **against any person holding a certificate. The charges, unless dismissed**
16 **without hearing by the Board as unfounded or trivial, shall be heard and**
17 **determined by the board within three months after the date on which they**
18 **were filed, and at a time and place to be fixed by the Board. A copy of**
19 **the charges, together with the notice of the time and place of hearing,**
20 **shall be sent by registered mail to the accused at least thirty days**
21 **before the time fixed for hearing, and such mailing to the last known**
22 **place of business or residence of the accused shall be sufficient**
23 **service. It shall require a unanimous vote of the members of the Board**
24 **present at the hearing in order to find the accused guilty of the**
25 **charges preferred, and if found guilty the Board shall, in its**

1 **discretion, either revoke or suspend the certificate of registration of**
 2 **the** accused.

3 Section 9. Contents of certificates; use of seal mandatory when.

4 Each Certificate of registration issued hereunder shall bear the date of
 5 **the** original registration and shall specify whether the person to whom
 6 **it** is issued is authorized by the Board to practice professional
 7 engineering, architecture, land surveying, **or** landscape architecture.

8 In the case of a certificate issued to a person authorizing such
 9 person to practice professional engineering, the certificate shall also
 10 indicate the major branch **or** branches of engineering in which the person
 11 has specially qualified.

12 Every registered person may use a seal or rubber stamp of a design
 13 authorized by the Board bearing such person's **name** and the words
 14 "registered professional engineer", "registered architect", "registered
 15 land surveyor", or "registered landscape architect", or **otherwise as may**
 16 be authorized by the Board.

17 All plans, specifications, maps, and reports prepared by or under
 18 the **supervision** of a registered engineer, architect, surveyor, or
 19 landscape architect shall be stamped with such seal or **stamp when** filed
 20 with public officials. **It** shall be unlawful for anyone to seal **or** stamp
 21 any **document** with such seal or **stamp** after the certificate of the
 22 registrant ~~named~~ thereon has expired or **has** been revoked or suspended
 23 unless such certificate **has** been **renewed or** reissued.

24 No official of the Camonwealth who is **or** may hereafter be charged
 25 with the enforcement of **lam or** ordinances relating **to** the construction

1 or alteration of buildings or structures, shall accept or approve any
2 plan or specifications that are not stamped with the seal of a
3 registered architect holding an unexpired certificate or with the seal
4 of a registered engineer holding a certificate on which has been
5 indicated that he has qualified in the structural engineering branch,
6 unless the building or structure, for which the plans or specifications
7 are submitted is exempted from this Act; and no map or survey prepared
8 after the effective date of this Act shall be filed with any official of
9 the Commonwealth unless stamped with the seal of a registered land
10 surveyor.

11 Section 10. Corporations and partnerships. A corporation or
12 copartnership may engage in the practice of professional engineering,
13 architecture, land surveying, or landscape architecture in the
14 Commonwealth; Provided, that each person connected with the corporation
15 or co-partnership who is directly in charge of the professional work is
16 duly registered hereunder, and provided further that the name of each
17 such person has or have been filed with the Board by the corporation or
18 co-partnership.

19 Section 11. Structures exempted from provisions of this Act. The
20 provisions of this Act shall not apply to work in respect to any
21 privately owned or privately controlled one-storied building, dwelling
22 or structure, the estimated cost of which does not exceed \$35,000, or
23 to any privately owned or privately controlled two-storied building,
24 dwelling or structure, the estimated cost of which does not exceed
25 \$30,000; Provided, that no structure, dwelling or building in which the

1 principal structural members consist of reinforced concrete or
2 structural steel having riveted, bolted or welded connections shall be
3 exempted ~~fran~~ this kt.

4 Section 12. Violations; penalties. Any person who practices,
5 offers to practice, or holds himself out as authorized and qualified
6 to practice professional engineering, architecture, land surveying, or
7 landscape architecture in the Commonwealth, except as provided in
8 Sections 3 and 5; or who uses the title 'engineer', 'architect', 'land
9 surveyor' or 'landscape architect', or any title, sign, card, or device
10 to indicate that such person is practicing professional engineering,
11 architecture, land surveying or landscape architecture, or is a
12 professional engineer, architect, land surveyor or landscape architect,
13 without having first registered in accordance with his chapter and
14 without having a valid unexpired certificate of registration; or who
15 uses or attempts to use as his ~~am~~ the seal or the certificate of
16 registration of another, or who falsely impersonates any duly registered
17 practitioner hereunder, or who uses or attempts to use an expired,
18 suspended, or revoked certificate of registration; or any firm or
19 corporation which advertises that it will furnish architectural,
20 engineering or landscape architectural services in the making of plans
21 or specifications or in the construction of any building or other
22 structure, without first having complied with Section 10; or any firm
23 or corporation which furnishes or offers to furnish architectural,
24 engineering or landscape architectural services for the construction of
25 any building, structure, project, or utility in the Commonwealth, without

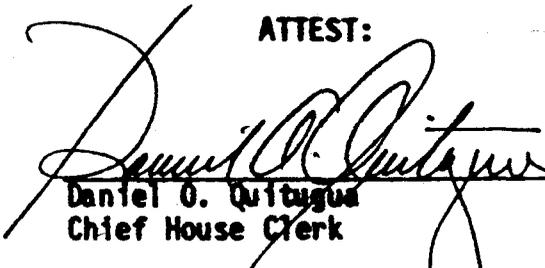
1 first having complied with Section 10; or any person or firm who
 2 violates any of the provisions of this Act, shall be fined not more
 3 than \$5,000.00, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

4 Section 13. Repealer. Section 3106(b) of Title 4 of the
 5 Commonwealth Code, and Chapter 2 of Division 3 of Title 4 of the
 6 Commonwealth Code, are hereby repealed.

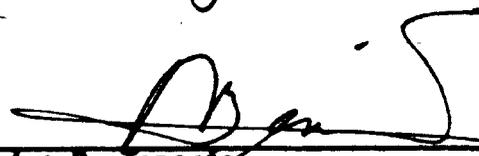
7 Section 14. Severability. If any provision of this Act or any
 8 rule, regulation, or order promulgated hereunder, or the application of
 9 any such provision, rule, regulation or order to any person or under any
 10 circumstances shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction,
 11 the remaining provisions of this Act, and any rules, regulation, or
 12 order promulgated pursuant thereto, and the application of such
 13 remaining provisions, regulations, rules or orders to persons or under
 14 circumstances other than those to which it is held valid, shall not be
 15 affected thereby, and to such extent, the provisions of this Act a n
 16 and shall be severable.

17 Section 15. Effective Date. Upon its signature by the Governor,
 18 or upon its becoming law without such signature, (a) all sections of
 19 this Act except Sections 12 and 13 shall take effect immediately; and
 20 (b) Sections 12 and 13 of this Act shall take effect on January 1, 1986.


 Vicente M. Sablan
 Speaker of the House

ATTEST:

 Daniel O. Quiñones
 Chief House Clerk

August 6, 1985


 Pedro P. Tenorio
 Governor
 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands