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REPLY TO:

12 JUL 1988

DEPT. of ACTIVITY

The Honorable Benjamin T. Manglona
Senate President
Sixth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

GOV. COMM. 6-27
(HOUSE)

and

The Honorable Pedro R. Guerrero
Speaker, House of Representatives
Sixth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

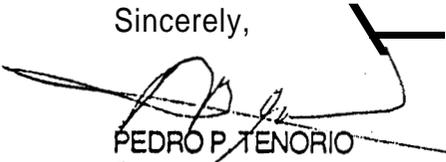
This is to inform you that I have signed into law Senate Bill No. 6-44, S.D.1, H.D.1, entitled, "To amend 2 CMC S4333(e) regarding the priorities for the issuance of, a permit for a village homestead lot, and for other purposes," which was passed by the Sixth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill would resolve a problem experienced by many of our young unmarried people without dependents, who have applied for homesteads but have had to wait for years because of existing regulations which places them on second priority status.

Hopefully this legislation would assist the homesteader to build a house and be better prepared if he/she chooses to take on additional responsibility of starting a family;

This bill becomes Public Law No. 6-6. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your ready reference.

Sincerely,


PEDRO P. TENORIO
Governor

CC: Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review

Recd 7/17/88; 1:20 P.M.

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1988

AN ACT

To amend 2 CMC S4333(e) regarding priorities for the issuance of a permit for a village homestead lot, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. Findings and Purpose.

2 (a) The Legislature finds that there are many
3 single or unmarried residents of the Commonwealth who
4 are without village lots to construct safe, decent,
5 and sanitary dwelling houses for themselves, and are
6 without sufficient means to purchase village lots.
7 The Legislature further finds many of these individuals
8 have completed and submitted village homesteading
9 applications for several years and have since been
10 placed in second priority status for the only reason
11 that they are either unmarried or are without any
12 dependents.

13 (b) It is the purpose of this Act to establish
14 the requirement that any application that has been
15 considered as second priority for a period of three
16 (3) years shall thereafter be considered and treated
17 as if the applicant is married and is with dependents.

1 Section 2. Amendments.

2 (a) 2 CMC S4333(e) is amended to read as follows:

3 (e) Establishment of priorities for the
4 issuance of a permit for a village homestead lot
5 which takes into consideration but is not limited
6 to the applicant's immediate needs for housing,
7 number of dependents, and income; except, however,
8 that unmarried applicants or applicants without
9 any dependents who have met all other application
10 criteria shall be given first priority status
11 after three years of the date of application."

12 (b) 2 CMC S4333(a)(4) is amended by adding a new sentence
13 as follows:

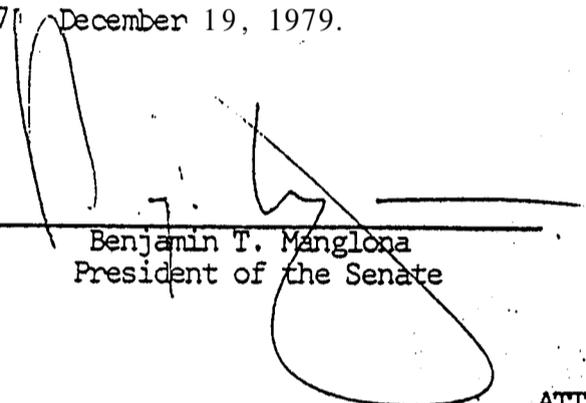
14 "Any applicant who has met all the above
15 requirements and whose spouse had been a recipient
16 of a village homestead lot may be eligible to
17 receive a village homestead lot if the spouse
18 has been divested of said village homestead lot
19 by a Court decree pursuant to a divorce proceedings,
20 which warded said village homestead lot to either
21 the children or the former spouse."

22 (c) 2 CMC \$4303 is amended by adding a new subsection to
23 read as follows:

24 "(c) No person or persons may be permitted
25 to enter upon or acquire rights to a village

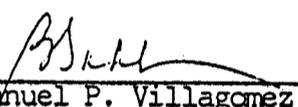
1 homestead unless that person, or persons, have
2 been domiciliaries of the Senatorial District in
3 which such homestead is being applied."

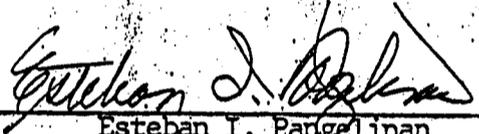
4 Section 4. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect 60 days
5 after its approval by the Governor or after its becoming law without
6 such approval, provided, however, that it shall apply retroactively to
7 December 19, 1979.

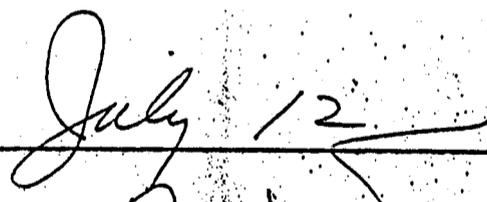

Benjamin T. Manglona
President of the Senate


Vicente M. Sablan
Acting Speaker
House of Representatives

ATTEST:


Manuel P. Villagomez
Senate Legislative Secretary


Esteban I. Pargelinan
House Clerk


July 12, 1988

PEDRO P. TENORIO
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

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PUBLIC LAW NO. 6-6

S.B. No. 6-44, S.D.1, H.D.1

SIXTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, 1988

AN ACT

To amend 2 CMC S4333(e) regarding the priorities for the issuance of a permit for a village homestead lot, and for other purposes.

Offered by Senator Juan T. Guerrero

Date: February 20, 1988

SENATE ACTION

Referred to: Committee on Resources and Development

Standing Committee Report No: SCR 6-30

First Reading: March 29, 1988

Second and Final Reading: **April 5, 1988**

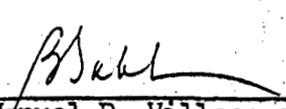
Accepted House Amendment: **June 7, 1988**

HOUSE ACTION

Referred to: Committee on Natural **Resources**

Standing Committee Report No: SCR 6-16

First and **Final** Reading: **May 2, 1988**


Manuel P. Villagomez
Senate Legislative Secretary