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The Honorable Jesus R. Sablan
President of the Senate
Tenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Diego T. Benavente
Speaker, House of Representatives
Tenth Northern Mananas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law H. B. No. 10-225, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, "To amend Public Law 9-37 to exempt Commonwealth Judges from the requirement that government vehicles assigned to them be marked and have government plates; and for other purposes."

I agree that, for security reasons, it is desirable that judge's cars should not be marked or singled out. This bill corrects a defect in the original law.

This bill becomes law as P.L. 10-64.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jesus C. Borja".

JESUS C. BORJA
Acting Governor

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THIRD SPECIAL SESSION, 1997

PUBLIC LAW NO. 10-64

HOUSE BILL NO. 10-225, HD1, SD1

AN ACT

To amend P.L. 9-37 to exempt Commonwealth Judges from the requirement that government vehicles assigned to them be marked and have government plates; and for other purposes.

Offered by Representatives :

Crispin I. Deleon Guerrero,

Jesus T. Attao and Oscar M. Babauta

Date: May 23, 1996

HOUSE ACTION

Referred to: Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations

Standing Committee Report: None

First and Final Reading: June 7, 1996

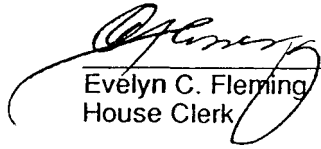
Reconsidered: September 17, 1996

Accepted Senate Amendment: June 11, 1997

SENATE ACTION

Standing Committee Report: None

Second and Final Reading: February 20, 1997


Evelyn C. Fleming
House Clerk

TENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC LAW NO. 10-64

H. B. NO. 10-225, HD1, SD1

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 1996

AN ACT

To amend P.L. 9-37 to exempt Commonwealth Judges from the requirement that government vehicles assigned to them be marked and have government plates; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds that, for security reasons, it is desirable that
2 judges' cars not be singled out or marked in a distinctive manner. For purposes of this Act, the
3 Legislature defines "judges" as including special judges on active duty, and visiting judges
4 from other jurisdictions if the Chief Justice chooses to designate them as such.

5 Section 2. Amendment. Public Law 9-37, Section 3, amending 1 CMC Section
6 7406(a) is hereby further amended by the addition of a new subsection (4) to read as follows:

7 **"(4)** 'Judge' means those individuals who are serving as Justices in the
8 Commonwealth Supreme Court; Judges in the Commonwealth Superior Court or in the
9 U.S. District Court for the Mariana Islands; special judges, but only during the period
10 that they are actively serving with the Court; and judges from other jurisdictions who
11 have been designated as visiting judges by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court."

12 All subsequent subsections are renumbered accordingly.

13 Section 3. Amendment. Public Law 9-37, Section 3 amending 1 CMC Section
14 7406(b), subsection (3) is hereby further amended to read as follows:

15 "(3) This subsection shall not apply to law enforcement vehicles, nor to
16 vehicles used by elected officials or judges. Violation of this subsection shall be an
17 infraction, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00 and/or 3 days imprisonment."

18 Section 4. Amendment. Public Law 9-37, Section 3, amending 1 CMC, Section
19 406(f) is hereby further amended to read as follows:

20 "(f) Marking of government vehicles. All government vehicles or government
21 leased vehicles, excepting only unmarked law enforcement vehicles and cars driven by
22 elected officials or judges, shall be clearly marked as such on both front doors, or, in
23 the case of water craft, on both sides of the hull well above the waterline. The Chief of

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Procurement and Supply shall provide for such marking, and may also assign registration numbers.

No person shall operate or use a government or government leased vehicle that is not marked in accord with this subsection. Violation of this subsection shall be an infraction, punishable by a fine of **up to \$500, and/or 3 days imprisonment.**"

Section 5. Amendment. Public Law 9-37, Section 3, amending 1 CMC Section 7406(g), subsection (3), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"(3) This subsection shall not apply to unmarked law enforcement vehicles, nor to vehicles assigned to judges,"

Section 6. 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 7. 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 8. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor upon its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

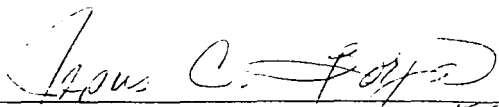


DIEGO T. BENAVENTE
Speaker
House of Representatives



EVELYN C. FLEMING
House Clerk

APPROVED this 29th day of JULY, 1997



FROILAN C. TENORIO
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands