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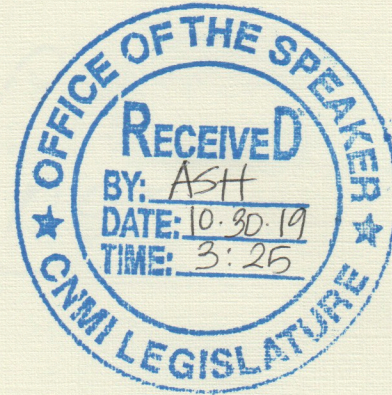
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Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH of the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
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30 OCT 2019

The Honorable Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-First Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Jude U. Hofschneider
Acting Senate President, The Senate
Twenty-First Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950



Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. Acting President:

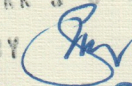
This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Bill No. 21-48, HD1, HS1**, entitled, "To repeal and re-enact 4 CMC §5565 to allow 18 year old's to serve and sell alcoholic beverages.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 21-12**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


VICTOR B. HOCOG
Acting Governor

cc: Governor; Lt. Governor; Press Secretary; Department of Labor; Department of Commerce; Department of Public Safety; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review

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*Twenty-First Legislature
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPECIAL SESSION

APRIL 29, 2019

REPRESENTATIVE JOEL C. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

H. B. No. 21-48, HD1, HS1

AN ACT

**TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT 4 CMC §5565 TO ALLOW 18 YEAR
OLDS TO SERVE AND SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**

The Bill was referred to the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism, which submitted Standing Committee Report No. 21-13; adopted 6/11/19.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON
FIRST AND FINAL READING, JULY 12, 2019;**
with amendments in the form of H. B. No. 21-48, HD1, HS1 and transmitted to the
THE SENATE.

The Bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Government, Law and Federal Relations, which submitted Standing Committee Report No. 21-50; adopted 9/26/19.
THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019;
without amendments and was returned to
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON JULY 12, 2019.



Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



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FIRST DAY, FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION

JULY 12, 2019

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN
MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2 The Legislature finds that many of our graduating high school students aspire to work
3 in the hotel service industry to gain valuable experience to build careers in hotel hospitality
4 and customer service. Some of these students also aspire to work as waiters or waitresses for
5 certain business establishments but are currently unable to do so as a result of provisions set
6 forth in 4 CMC §5565 which prohibits individuals under the age of 21 from serving or selling
7 alcohol in on-sale establishments.

8 The Legislature finds that currently, one of the highest growths in the CNMI's job
9 market fall under hotel hospitality and other service industries. The Legislature finds that it is
10 necessary to amend current provisions that prohibit aspiring graduating high school students
11 from entering into the labor force especially in their fields of interest due to strict provisions.

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1 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to amend 4 CMC §5565 to allow certain individuals to be
2 able to serve and sale alcohol and fully participate in the service industry.

3 **SECTION 2. REPEAL AND RE-ENACTMENT.**

4 4 CMC §5565 is hereby repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:

5 **“§ 5565. Minors: Mixing Prohibited.**

6 A licensee, his agent, or employee shall not permit any person under the
7 age of 21 years to mix any alcoholic beverages at any on-sale establishment.
8 Provided further that, for purposes of this subsection, on-sale establishments
9 may permit persons 18 years of age and older to serve or sell but not mix
10 alcoholic beverages for purposes of employment. Any person who violates the
11 provisions of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon
12 conviction, be fined not more than \$1,000 and/or imprisoned for not more than
13 one year, or both, and shall be required to perform not less than 80 hours but
14 not more than 250 hours of community service which cannot be suspended or
15 converted to a fine.”

16 **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

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

21 **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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


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SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

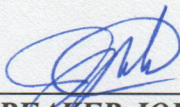
This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

Attested to by:



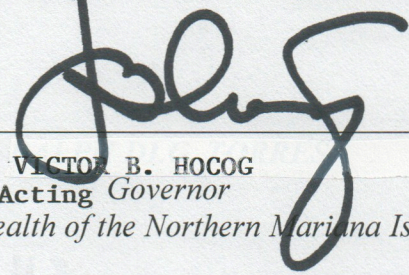
Linda B. Muña, House Clerk

Certified by:



ACTING SPEAKER JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN
House of Representatives
21st Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Approved this 30th day of October, 2019



VICTOR B. HOCOG
Acting Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands