

**TWENTIETH COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS YOUTH CONGRESS**

1st SPECIAL Session, 20 **26**

Y.C.B. No. 20- **05**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend 1 CMC §1610(c) to allow Youth
Congress sessions to be held in the legislative
chamber of the House of Representatives or the
Senate, inclusive of venues in Tinian or Rota.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTIETH COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS YOUTH CONGRESS:**

1 **Section 1. Finding and Purpose.** The Youth Congress finds that there are
2 constituents on Tinian and Rota who do not have physical access to the Youth
3 Congress legislative process. With sessions held on each respective island, youth
4 individuals will have the opportunity to interact with members representing
5 different districts. In addition, individuals will be able to provide physical
6 comments and chime in during recess.

7 The CNMI Legislature holds sessions on all 3 islands and with that said, it
8 is important that the youth constituents are given the same privilege as their adult
9 counterparts to encourage involvement with the CNMI youth on all represented
10 islands.

11 **Section 2. Amendment.** 1 CMC § 1610(c) is hereby amended as follows:

1 (c) Sessions shall be held in the legislative chamber of the House of
2 Representatives or the Senate of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth
3 Legislature; provided that sessions may also be held on Tinian and Rota.

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 court
6 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 shall
10 not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired
11 under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the
12 statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted
13 under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect
14 of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall
15 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.

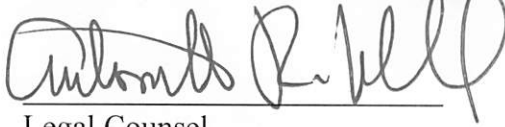
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Senator Christopher JN. Dela Cruz

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