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The Honorable Joseph S. Inos  
Senate President  
Seventh Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

GOV. COMM. 7-51  
(HOUSE)

and

The Honorable Pedro R. Guerrero  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Seventh 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. 7-5, S.D.1, to establish an Agricultural Homestead Program for the island of Rota, which was passed by the Seventh Legislature and transmitted to my office on October 12, 1990.

This legislation will hopefully encourage more farming on Rota, and enable full-time farmers to raise their crops and farm animals.

There is a typographical error on page 1, line 17. The number "9" before "2" should be struck out so that it would read "2 CMC..." instead of "92 CMC". This, of course will be corrected by the Law Revision Commission during the updating of the Code.

This bill becomes Public Law No. 7-11. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your ready reference.

Sincerely,

  
LORENZO I. DE LEON GUERRERO  
Governor

CC: MPLC  
Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review

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SEVENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1990

PUBLIC LAW NO. 7-11

SENATE BILL NO. 7-5, S.D.1

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AN ACT

To establish an Agricultural Homestead Program for the  
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Offered by Senator Paul A. Manslona

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Date: January 8, 1990

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SENATE ACTION

Referred to: Committee on Federal Relations and  
Independent Agencies

Standing Committee Report No. 7-36

Second and Final Reading: June 18, 1990

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HOUSE ACTION

First and Final Reading: June 20, 1990

  
EDWARD U. MARATITA  
Senate Legislative Secretary

*June 10/19/90*

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AN ACT

To establish an Agricultural Homestead Program for the Island of Rota.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1       Section 1. Short Title. This Act may be cited as the "Rota  
2       Agricultural Homestead Law of 1990".

3       Section 2. Designation of Homestead Areas. Such areas of public  
4       lands on the island of Rota as may be suitable for agricultural purposes,  
5       and which are not required for government use or reserved for other  
6       purposes by any other provision of law, shall be designated by the  
7       Marianas Public Land Corporation on behalf of the Commonwealth government  
8       for homesteading purposes. Such areas may, in accordance with the  
9       provisions of this law, be allotted to qualified persons for the purpose  
10      of farming with the right to acquire title upon the fulfillment of the  
11      conditions prescribed in this law.

12      Section 3. Establishment of Area; Requirements for Use of Property.

13           (a) Subject to Article XI, Section 5 of the Commonwealth  
14      Constitution, the Marianas Public Land Corporation shall determine  
15      and establish:

16           (1) Subject to the availability of public land for  
17      agricultural homesteading purposes, the maximum area of land  
18      allowable for each agricultural tract to be made available  
19      under this law, shall be one hectare;

20           (2) Standards and requirements for the use, occupation  
21      and development of the homestead tracts granted under this law  
22      consistent with its term;

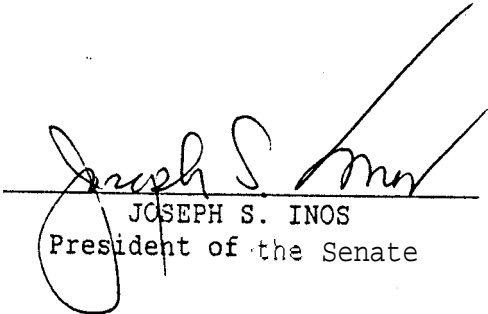
1 (b) The Marianas Public Land Corporation shall file a copy of  
2 each of its determinations under this Section with the Commonwealth  
3 Recorder's Office.

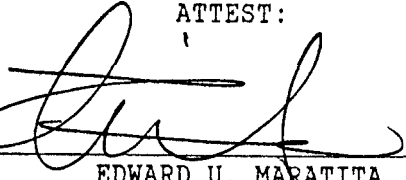
4 Section 4. Eligibility to Homestead. Eligibility to enter upon or  
5 acquire rights to public land under this Act shall be determined in  
6 accordance with 2 CMC Section 4303; provided that no person, clan,  
7 lineage, family or group of persons may be permitted to enter upon or  
8 acquire rights under this Act unless that person, or persons, have been  
9 domiciliaries of the island of Rota for not less than five (5) years,  
10 totally.

11 Section 5. Application for Homestead Land; Conditions of Occupancy;  
12 Deeds of Conveyance and Certificates of Compliance. The procedures of  
13 applications for Homestead land, the conditions under which persons may  
14 enter upon and commence the **use** and improvement of the land, the  
15 eligibility for receipt of deeds of conveyance and for certificates of  
16 compliance shall be governed by the General Provisions of the Homestead  
17 Law 92 CMC 4301 et. seq.), provided that before the issuance of a  
18 certificate of compliance a person, clan, lineage, family or group of  
19 persons must have resided on the island of Rota for three (3) years from  
20 the date of entry upon the homestead land and must have complied with all  
21 rules, regulations and requirements concerning the use, occupation and  
22 development of the land for agricultural or grazing purposes as  
23 established under Section 4302(a)(2). Provided further that a person may  
24 not transfer an interest in the homestead for ten (10) years after  
25 receipt.

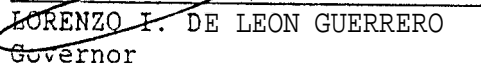
26 Section 6. Severability. If any provision of this Act is held  
27 invalid, the validity of the remainder of the act of any such provisions  
28 shall not be affected thereby.

1       Section 7. Effective Date. This **Act** shall take effect upon its  
2 approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval  
3 and shall take effect upon the availability of the homestead development  
4 funds identified in the series bonds issued by the Commonwealth  
5 Development Authority.

  
JOSEPH S. INOS  
President of the Senate

ATTEST:  
  
EDWARD U. MARATITA  
Senate Legislative Secretary

APPROVED OCT. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1990

  
LORENZO I. DE LEON GUERRERO  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands