

GOV. COMM. 12-62
(HOUSE)

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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The Honorable Benigno R. Fitial
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twelfth Northern Marianas
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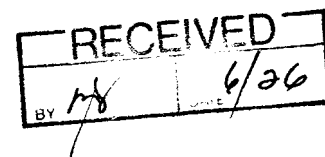
Dear Mr. President and Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law Senate Bill No. 12-50, known as "Commonwealth Bird Protection Act of 2000", which was passed by the Twelfth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill reinforces the regulations by the Division of Fish & Wildlife (**DFW**) which protects all of our islands' endemic bird species, including the Tottot. A bit of encouraging news is that according to the data collected by the **DFW**, the Tottot population is healthy, and believed to be increasing. I am confident that **DFW** will continue to oversee the conservation and protection of our islands' wildlife.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 12-8**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Pedro P. Tenorio", written over a horizontal line.
PEDRO P. TENORIOCC: Secretary of Lands and Natural Resources
Director, Fish and Wildlife
Special Assistant for Programs & Legislative Review



The Senate
NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
P.O. Box 129
Saipan, MP 96950

PUBLIC LAW NO. 12-8


May 18, 2000

Honorable Pedro P. Tenorio
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Tenorio:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for your action one (1) original copy of Senate Bill No. 12-50, entitled, "**An** Act to protect, conserve and prohibit the hunting of the Commonwealth Bird (Tottot) defined in 1 CMC § 233; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Twelfth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,


Nicolasa B. Borja
Senate Clerk

Attachment

Recd 5/18/00

THE SENATE
TWELFTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC LAW NO. 12-8
SENATE BILL NO. 12-50

AN ACT

To protect, conserve and prohibit the hunting of the Commonwealth
Bird (Tottot) defined in 1 CMC § 233; and for other purposes.

Offered by Senator(s): Ricardo S. Atalig

Date: February 23,2000

SENATE ACTION

Standing Committee Report: None

Final Reading: March 10,2000

HOUSE ACTION

Referred to: Committee on Natural Resources

Standing Committee Report: 12-97

First and Final Reading: May 8,2000



JOAQUIN G. ADRIANO
Senate Legislative Secretary

TWELFTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC LAW NO. 12-8

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2000

**SENATE BILL
NO. 12-50**

AN ACT

To protect, conserve and prohibit the hunting of the Commonwealth Bird (Tottot) defined in 1 CMC § 233; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWELFTH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1 Section 1. Short Title. This act may be cited as "Commonwealth Bird Protection
2 Act of 2000."

3 Section 2. Findings and Purposes. The legislature finds that there is a need to
4 protect, conserve and prohibit the hunting of the Commonwealth Bird (Tottot) designated
5 under 1 CMC § 233, to allow its survival and availability for the future CNMI generation.
6 Therefore, it is the purpose of this act to include the protection of the Commonwealth Bird.
7 (Paluman Tottot) under 2 CMC, Div. 5, § 5108.

8 Section 3. Declaration of Protection. The legislature hereby declare the protection
9 of the Commonwealth Bird (Paluman Tottot) under 2 CMC, Div.5, § 5108, including all
10 rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

11 Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
12 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
13 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
14 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.


15 Section 5. Savings Clause. This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
16 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
17 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers

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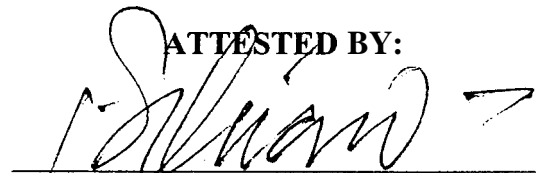
contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes effective.

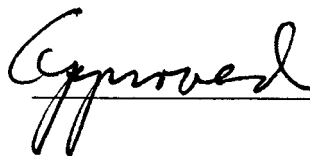
Section 6. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.


CERTIFIED BY:


THOMAS P. VILLAGOMEZ
Acting President of the Senate

ATTESTED BY:


JOAQUIN G. ADRIANO
Senate Legislative Secretary

 Approved this 26th day of June, 2000


PEDRO P. TENORIO
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands