

PL 12-77



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and

The Honorable Benigno R. Fitia
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twelfth 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. 12-121, entitled, "To amend Section 3, of Public Law No. 12-14, "which was passed by the Twelfth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This legislation is necessary for the Division of Fish and Wildlife to efficiently enforce Public Law 12-14, which prohibits the use of non-traditional methods of fishing within the waters of the Commonwealth.

This bill becomes **Public Law 12-77**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Pedro P. Tenorio in black ink.

PEDRO P. TENORIO

CC: Division of Fish and Wildlife
Department of Lands and Natural Resources
Special Assistant for Programs & Legislative Review





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NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
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PUBLIC LAW NO. 12-77

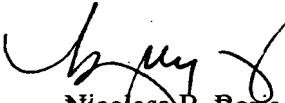
November 27, 2001

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. 12-121, entitled, "**An** Act to amend Section **3**, of PL 12-14; 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 11/28/01

THE SENATE
TWELFTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC LAW NO. 12-77
SENATE BILL NO. 12-121

AN ACT

To amend Section 3, of PL 12-14; and for other purposes.

Offered by Senator(s): Ricardo S. Atalig

Date: May 23,2001

SENATE ACTION

Referred to: Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law

Standing Committee Report: None

Final Reading: July 25,2001

HOUSE ACTION

Standing Committee Report: None

First and Final Reading: November 20,2001


JOAQUIN G. ADRIANO
Senate Legislative Secretary

TWELFTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2001

PUBLIC LAW NO, 12-77

**SENATE BILL
NO. 12-121**

AN ACT

To amend Section 3, of PL 12-14; 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~~ the “Fair Fishing Amendment Act
2 of 2001”.

3 Section 2. Findings. The legislature finds that Section 3, of PL 12-14, is difficult
4 to enforce without a clear marking of the 1,000 feet outside the reef or lagoon on the coastal
5 waters of the Commonwealth. The Division of Fish and Wildlife have recommended to do
6 away with the 1,000 feet.

7 Section 3. Amendment. Section 3, of PL 12-14, is hereby amended to read:

8 “Section 3. Non-traditional Fishing Methods Prohibited. It shall be unlawful
9 for any commercial and non-commercial fishermen to use explosives, poisons,
10 electric shocking devices, scuba tank or hookah when fishing for reef fish and
11 harvesting other marine life within the waters of the Commonwealth.”

12 Section 4. Severability. If ~~any~~ provision of this Act or the application of any such
13 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 5. 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 6. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:


PAUL A. MANGLONA
(President of the Senate)

ATTESTED BY:


JOAQUIN G. ADRIANO
Senate Legislative Secretary

Approved this 30th day of November, 2001


PEDRO P. TENORIO
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands