

Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

_____ Session, 2017

H. B. 20- 18

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend 6 CMC §2256 (a) (10), the hours of operation for shooting galleries and shooting ranges; and for other purposes.

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

1 **Section 1. Findings.** The Legislature finds that Public Law 19-37
2 amended 6 CMC §2256 (a) by adding a new subsection (10) to read as follows
3 “(10) Shooting galleries and shooting ranges shall operate from 11:00 AM to
4 11:00 PM.”. Public Law 19-37 enacted provisions regulating the hours of
5 operations from Shooting galleries and shooting ranges. The Legislature finds
6 that many residential homes are within close proximity of the shooting range
7 located in Kannat Tabla. Many residents who live within the area are concerned
8 when the expended rounds are fired, exhibiting a gunshot echo, so late in the
9 evening such as from 9PM to 11PM. At this time, residents are settling down
10 from either a hard day of labor or a long day of school. It becomes unsettling
11 when gun fire is heard at a time that is usually reserved for rest or leisure time.

12 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to amend the shooting galleries and
13 shooting ranges hours of operation to provide for a reasonable set of hours of

1 operations and at the same time will serve to protect the publics' health and well-
2 being of residents living in the proximity to shooting ranges and to limit nuisance
3 noise conditions.

4 **Section 2. Amendment.** Title 6 Section 2256 (a) (10) is hereby amended
5 to read as follows:

6 **“§ 2256. Restrictions on Shooting Galleries and Shooting**
7 **Ranges.**

8 (a) All shooting galleries and shooting ranges shall adhere to the
9 following restrictions:

10 (10) Shooting galleries ~~and shooting ranges~~ shall operate
11 from ~~11:00~~ 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

12 **Section 3. Amendment.** Title 6 Section 2256 (a) is further amended by
13 adding a new subsection (11) is added to read as follows:

14 (11) Shooting ranges shall operate from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

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

20 **Section 5. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein
21 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or
22 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted

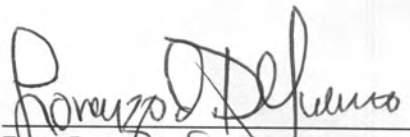
1 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
2 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have
3 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal,
4 which shall already be in existence on the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

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

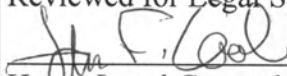
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