



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FIFTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST DAY, SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2007

PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-98
H. B. NO. 15-277

AN ACT

To authorize Class I Members of the Retirement Fund with fifteen years of actual service contributions to the Retirement Fund to withdraw their contributions; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FIFTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 **Section 1. Amendment.** The Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund Act of
2 1988, Section 8356(a) is hereby amended as follows:

3 “§ 8356. *Benefits: Refund on Separation.*


4 (a) Effective January 1, 2008, upon complete separation from service before a
5 class I member shall have completed 15 years of contributing member service, the
6 class I member may elect to receive a refund of his or her total contributions,
7 including regular interest. Except as provided in other sections of this part, no refund
8 of any contributions shall be permitted for class I members after completion of 15
9 years of contributing member service, provided that, notwithstanding any other
10 provision of law, any class I member electing to receive a refund of contributions,
11 upon reemployment by the Commonwealth Government, its agencies or
12 instrumentalities shall become a Member of the Defined Contribution Plan, pursuant
13 to 1 CMC §§ 8454, 8456, as enacted by Public Law 15-13.”

14 **Section 2. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
15 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
16 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
17 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

1 **Section 3. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
2 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
3 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers
4 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law.
5 The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying,
6 any liability civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the date this Act,
7 becomes effective.

8 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
9 Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:



OSCAR M. BABAUTA
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

ATTESTED TO BY:



EVELYN C. FLEMING
HOUSE CLERK

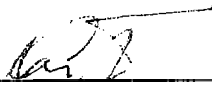
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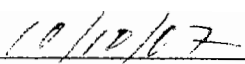
BENIGNO R. FITIAL
GOVERNOR

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

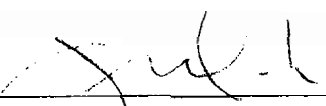
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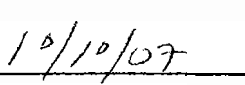
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JOSEPH M. MENDIOLA
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



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