

SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SESSION, 2008

H. B. NO. 16-95

A BILL FOR AN ACT

TO AMEND 3 CMC §§ 1311 AND 1314 TO PROVIDE THAT THE NMC STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT SHALL BE A VOTING MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES .

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 **Section 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this Act is to designate the Northern
2 Marianas College (NMC) Student Council President as a voting member of the NMC
3 Board of Regents.

4 **Section 2. Amendment.** Section 1311 of Title 3 of the Commonwealth Code
5 hereby amended as follows:

6 **“§ 1311. Board of Regents: Establishment.**

7 There is in the Commonwealth a Board of Regents for the Northern Marianas
8 College (NMC) composed of a total of eight voting members and, except for the NMC
9 Student Council President, seven voting members shall be appointed by the Governor
10 with the advice and consent of the senate. At least one member shall be a resident of
11 Tinian, at least one member shall be a resident of Rota, at least one member shall be of
12 Carolinian descent, one member shall be the NMC Student Council President, and at least
13 one member shall be a woman. Of the total members, at least five members shall be from
14 the private sector. The NMC Student Council President membership shall not require the
15 governor’s appointment and the advice and consent of the senate.”

16 **Section 3. Amendment.** Section 1314 of Title 3 of the Commonwealth Code
17 hereby amended by the addition of a new subsection (d) as follows:

18 “(d) The NMC Student Council President shall cease to be a regent
19 immediately upon the conclusion, for whatever reason, of his or her service as Student
20 Council President.”

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


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8 statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.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

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

Prefiled 5-14-08

Date: _____

Introduced By: 
Rep. Justo S. Quitugua


Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

House Legal Counsel