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H. R. 3879

To provide for representation of the Northern Mariana Islands by a nonvoting Delegate in the House of Representatives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 1996

Mr. GALLEGLY (for himself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Northern Mariana Is-

5 lands Delegate Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DELEGATE TO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM**
7 **THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.**

8 The Joint Resolution entitled “Joint Resolution to
9 approve the ‘Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth of

1 the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the
2 United States of America’, and for other purposes” ap-
3 proved March 24, 1976 (48 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), is
4 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

5 **“SEC. 6. DELEGATE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Northern Mariana Islands
7 shall be represented in the United States Congress by a
8 nonvoting Delegate to the House of Representatives. The
9 Resident Representative of the Northern Mariana Islands,
10 as authorized by section 901 of the foregoing Covenant
11 and upon election pursuant to subsection (c) of this sec-
12 tion, after the date of the enactment of this section, shall
13 be the Delegate.

14 “(b) COMPENSATION, PRIVILEGES, AND IMMUNI-
15 TIES.—Until the Rules of the House of Representatives
16 are amended to provide otherwise, the Delegate from the
17 Northern Mariana Islands shall receive the same com-
18 pensation, allowances, and benefits as a Member of the
19 House of Representatives and shall be entitled to whatever
20 privileges and immunities are, or hereafter may be, grant-
21 ed to the Delegate from Guam to the House of Represent-
22 atives.

23 “(c) ELECTION OF DELEGATE.—The Delegate from
24 the Northern Mariana Islands shall be elected, but not ap-
25 pointed, as authorized by section 901 of the foregoing Cov-

1 enant and the Constitution and laws of the Northern Mar-
2 iana Islands so long as such authorization complies with
3 the Federal election criteria for, and provides for elections
4 in sequence with, the election of other Delegates to the
5 House of Representatives.

6 “(d) VACANCY.—In case of a permanent vacancy in
7 the office of Delegate, by reason of death, resignation, or
8 permanent disability, the office of Delegate shall remain
9 vacant until a successor is elected and qualified.

10 “(e) LACK OF EFFECT ON COVENANT.—This section
11 shall not be construed to alter, amend, or abrogate any
12 provision, other than section 901, of the foregoing Cov-
13 enant.”.

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