

FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION, 1990

AN ACT

To amend 3 CMC Division 2, Article 2, Section 2323; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. Short Title. This Act may be known as the
2 "Nurse Practice Amendments Act of 1990."

3 Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to
4 allow employees who have worked at the Commonwealth Health
5 Center for the past two years and who have graduated from the
6 Community College of Micronesia or Trust Territory School of
7 Nursing, or other nursing programs which the board may
8 recognize, to receive a waiver of qualifications and be
9 licensed as a Registered Nurse.

10 Section 3. Findings. The Legislature finds that a
11 person who has successfully completed a nursing program at
12 the Community College of Micronesia or Trust Territory School
13 of Nursing and who has been performing nursing duties at the
14 Commonwealth Health Center for at least the past two years
15 has acquired the necessary knowledge and skills to be
16 licensed as a Registered Nurse. The Legislature further
17 finds that nurses who are now working at the Commonwealth
18 Health Center and graduated from the Community College of
19 Micronesia or Trust Territory School of Nursing are
20 contributing to the health and welfare of Commonwealth
21 residents at a performance level comparable to Registered
22 Nurses and should be classified and compensated accordingly.

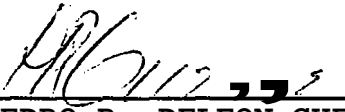
1 Section 4. Amendment. 3 CMC Division 2, Article 2,
2 Section 2323 is amended to read as follows:

3 "The Board shall waive the qualification
4 requirements of Section 2321 and issue a license to
5 practice as a registered nurse to any person who
6 submits to the Board documentary evidence that the
7 person has completed a nursing education program
8 satisfactory to the Board; has or had been employed
9 in the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth within
10 two years immediately preceding the effective date of
11 this Act; and have graduated from the Community
12 College of Micronesia, Trust Territory School of
13 Nursing or other nursing programs which the board may
14 recognize; provided, that application for a waiver
15 must be made by the applicant within 60 days after
16 the effective date of this Act."


17 Section 5. Severability. If any section of this Act or
18 any regulation issued under the Authority of this Act should
19 be declared invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent
20 jurisdiction, the judicial determination shall not affect the
21 validity of the Act or regulations as a whole, or any part
22 thereof, other than the particular part declared invalid or
23 unenforceable.

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

CERTIFIED AND ATTESTED TO BY:




PEDRO R. DELEON GUERRERO
Speaker of the House



EVELYN C. FLEMING
House Clerk

APPROVED this 5th day of APRIL, 1991



LORENZO I. DE LEON GUERRERO
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands