

NINTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

H. B. NO. 9-321

SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, 1994

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AN ACT

To amend Public Law 7-33 Sectin 6 (6); and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds that the taxicab minimum insurance coverage levels set by P.L. 7-33 are unreasonably high, and consequently require taxicab owners to pay higher premiums that should be necessary.

Section 2. Amendment. Public Law 7-33 Section 6 (6) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Require all taxicab be insured under a general or public liability policy of insurance issued by a qualified insurance company licensed to do business in the Commonwealth, as follows: (i) for a minimum coverage of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for bodily injury or death of any one person in any one accident; a minimum coverage of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for bodily injury or death of more than one person in any one accident; and a minimum coverage of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for injury to or destruction of property in any one accident, as well as uninsured motorists coverage in the same amounts, unless otherwise provided by law. The owner of any vehicle operated or used as a taxicab shall be held responsible for compliance with this section."

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

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herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.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

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

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**ATTESTED BY:**

/s/ Diego T. Benavente  
DIEGO T. BENAVENTE  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

/s/ Joan P. Kaipat  
JOAN P. KAIPAT  
Acting House Clerk

Approved this 31st day of January, 1995

/s/ Jesus C. Borja  
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Acting Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands