

NINTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

THIRD SPECIAL SESSION, 1995

AN ACT

To require all bonus miles earned on flights paid for by the government be allocated to the medical referral program; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NINTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Findings: The Legislature finds that fiscal resources to support the medical referral program have become scarce, event to the point of threatening its termination, and therefore creative ways of meeting the needs of the program must be found. Since many airlines offer bonus mileage discounts, often called frequent flyer miles, as an inducement to use their services, and bonus miles earned on flights paid for by the CNMI government should belong to the government, a substantial benefit could be gained if the usage of those accrued miles was vested in the medical referral program.

Section 2. Deposit of Bonus Miles: All bonus miles earned on flights purchased by any branch, department, or agency of the CNMI government are hereby allocated for disposition to the Department of Public Health for the express purpose of providing air passage for recipients of a medical referral. The authority to transfer the bonus miles from employees and government accounts for use by medical referral patients is vested with the Secretary of Finance in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Public Health, or their respective designees

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herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.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/ Evelyn C. Fleming
EVELYN C. FLEMING
House Clerk

Approved this 3rd day of October, 1995

/s/ Froilan C. Tenorio
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Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands