

TENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

**PUBLIC LAW NO. 10-16
H. B. NO. 10-185**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1996

AN ACT

To repeal Section 7 of Public Law 6-20 that exempts Tinian and Rota from the requirement to wear passenger restraints in motor vehicles and requires drivers to secure all children up to the age of twelve to wear a child restraint system, seat belts or harnesses; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds that the exemptions provided to the islands of Tinian and Rota under Public Law 6-20 not to require the wearing of passenger restraints in motor vehicles and not to require the driver of a motor vehicle to secure all children up to the age of twelve to wear a child restraint system, seat belts or harnesses may likely result in death or serious injury to vehicle passengers. To protect the lives of such passengers on those islands, it is the intention of this Act to no longer exempt this requirement.

Section 2. Amendment. Section 7 of Public Law 6-20 is hereby repealed.

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

CERTIFIED BY:

/s/ David M. Apatang
DAVID M. APATANG
Acting Speaker
House of Representatives

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Evelyn C. Fleming
EVELYN C. FLEMING
House Clerk

Approved this 19th day of June, 1996

/s/ Paul A. Manglona

~~FROILAN C. TENORIO~~ PAUL A. MANGLONA

Acting Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands