

TENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC LAW NO. 10-31

H.B. NO. 10-278, SD1

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1996

AN ACT

To amend 3 CMC Section 4434(i)(E), the Nonresident Worker Extension Act of 1996, which makes it impossible for the Northern Marianas College to retain able instructors who have earned their degree(s) from prestigious colleges or universities outside the United States; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds this amendment necessary so as to allow the Northern Marianas College to retain instructors who have graduated from colleges or universities located outside the United States. The Legislature also finds that 3 CMC Section 4434(i)(E) requires colleges, universities, or institutions to be accredited by the United States accrediting association or based within the United States. Furthermore, this requirement inhibits the retention of competent instructors and future hiring of qualified instructors who have graduated from distinguished colleges or universities outside the United States and without accreditation by the United States accreditation, but are of the same academic standards.

Section 2. Amendment. 3 CMC Section 4434(i)(E), as enacted by Public Law 10-4, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(E) For instructors, research scientists and other technical and professional employees at the Northern Marianas College; provided, however, that such nonresident workers must be graduates of colleges or universities in the United States, or colleges or universities which are accredited by the United States accrediting association, or, alternatively, that such nonresident workers shall have earned degree(s) from colleges, universities, or institutions abroad that are recognized by the Board of Regents and shall meet all other professional requirements set by the Board of Regents.

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herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.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 4th day of October, 1996.

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