

**TENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**PUBLIC LAW NO. 10-43**

**H. B. NO. 10-213**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1996**

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**AN ACT**

To amend 3 CMC Section 2213(f); and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds that P.L. 7-48 as enacted exempted dental hygienists from the Medical Practice Act; however, Conference Committee Report No. 7-8 on page two clearly indicated that the intent of the Legislature was not to exempt dental hygienists from the license requirements. Therefore, the Legislature finds that P.L. 7-48 contained a clerical error which should be corrected through appropriate legislation.

Prior to passage of P.L. 7-48, the Medical Profession Licensing Board licensed dental hygienists and the Legislature finds the need to continue such license requirements.

Section 2. Amendment. 3 CMC, Section 2213(f) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(f) Apply to registered nurses, practical nurses, or midwives; or"

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herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.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:**

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

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1997

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