



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2008

Public Law 16-25
H. B. No. 16-176, HD1

AN ACT

To amend subsection 2204(b) of Section 3 of Public Law No. 15-105 regarding the Health Care Professions Licensing Board; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that the Health Care
2 Professions Licensing Board, formerly called the Medical Profession Licensing Board,
3 regulates one of the most critical professions in the Commonwealth. The Legislature further
4 finds the powers, duties, and functions of the Board carry great responsibility and importance
5 to the health and welfare of the people of the CNMI. To ensure the integrity and dignity of
6 the Health Care Professions Licensing Board, the Legislature finds that credentials of
7 appointees to the Board should be thoroughly scrutinized. Therefore, it is the purpose of this
8 Act to require the advice and consent of the Senate for new appointees to the Health Care
9 Professions Licensing Board.

10 **Section 2. Amendment.** Subsection 2204(b) of Section 3 of Public Law No. 15-105
11 is hereby amended as follows:

12 “§ 2204(b). The Board is and shall be composed of five (5) members
13 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. One member
14 shall be a dentist, two members shall be physicians, and two members shall be health
15 care professionals other than a physician or dentist. Each member shall be practicing
16 in the Commonwealth. The provisions of 1 CMC § 2901(g) shall not apply to the
17 composition of the Board. Each member shall have been a resident of the
18 Commonwealth for at least two (2) years. Each member shall have been engaged in

1 the practice of the member's profession for at least five (5) years preceding the date
2 of the member's appointment to the Board."


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

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

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

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED TO BY:

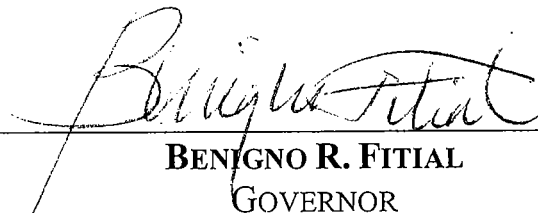


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EVELYN C. FLEMING
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APPROVED on this 25th day of November, 2008



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