



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
1st DAY, THIRD SPECIAL SESSION, 2009

Public Local Law 16-41
H. B. No. 16-243, HDI

AN ACT

TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 16-32 TO REPROGRAM \$206,396.34 FROM MVA'S
NON-PERSONNEL APPROPRIATION TO ITS PERSONNEL APPROPRIATION; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that the Marianas Visitors
2 Authority's (MVA) personnel costs for Fiscal Year 2009 is approximately \$1,169,667.84.
3 However, Public Law 16-32 appropriated \$955,597.00 for MYA's personnel costs, which
4 creates a shortfall of \$206,396.34. If funds are not reprogrammed, MVA would have to
5 reduce its work hours from 80 to 32 hours beginning on June 1, 2009. The Legislature finds
6 that public services would seriously be hampered by MYA's proposed drastic reduction of
7 hours. Accordingly, the purpose of this legislation is to reprogram non-personnel funds to
8 personnel funds to cover a portion of MVA's personnel cost shortfall for FY 2009; provided
9 that none of the reprogrammed funds shall be used to hire new personnel or increase the
10 compensation of existing personnel.

Section 2. Amendment. Section 721 (c) of Public Law 16-32 is amended to read as
11 follows:
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"(c) Marianas Visitors Authority.

(1) \$236,250.00 of the non-personnel appropriation herein is hereby
14 specifically appropriated in non-personnel costs to support the marketing of tourists
15 from Korea and/or Japan to Rota, and may not be used for any other purpose.
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(2) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, \$206,396.34 of the non-
17 personnel appropriation for MVA is hereby reprogrammed to MVA's personnel
18 appropriation to cover its personnel cost shortfall for FY2009; provided that none of
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1 the funds reprogrammed herein shall be used to hire new personnel or increase the
2 compensation of existing personnel."

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:


ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE


EVELYN C. FLEMING
HOUSE CLERK

Approved on this 21st day of May, 2009


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ACTING GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS