

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend certain Sections and Subsections of Public Law 11-15, the “Marianas Visitors Authority Act of 1998”, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWELFTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. Legislative Intent. Consistent with its policy of encouraging,
2 supporting, and nurturing the further development of the tourism industry, the
3 government feels the orderly advancement of tourism can best be fostered through public
4 corporation, under the direction of a board whose membership are mostly from tourist-
5 oriented and other related businesses.

6 Section 2. Amendments. The following Sections and Subsections of Public law
7 11-15 are hereby amended as follows:

8 “ Section 6. Board of Directors.

9 (a) All powers vested in the MVA shall be vested in the board of Directors,
10 composed of the following nine members.

11 (1) Two members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of
12 the Senate. Provided, that the Mayors of Saipan, Tinian and Rota are to
13 serve as ex-officio non-voting members.

14 (2) Seven members chosen by the members of the MVA pursuant to Section
15 10(c) of this Chapter and Bylaws.

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17 “ Section 8. Managing Director.

1 (a) The Board members shall appoint a managing director who shall serve at
2 the pleasure of the Board members.

3 (b) The Board shall set the Managing Director's level of compensation
4 pursuant to 1 CMC, Section 8246.

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6 "Section 10. MVA Membership.

7 (c) Voting procedures for choosing the seven board member positions under
8 Section 6 (a)(2), except that the initial seven members shall be chosen
9 within 30 days of the effective date of this Act by the paying members of
10 the Marianas Visitors Bureau. For the purposes of this Subsection,
11 "paying member" shall mean those paying members of the Marianas
12 Visitors Bureau on the day before the effective date of this Act".

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

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

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

Date: 10 Mar 2000

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