ELEVENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 1999

PUBLIC LAW NO. 11-124 SENATE BILL NO. 11-148

AN ACT

To exempt the CNMI Government from certain provisions of 3 CMC § 4437(c); and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ELEVENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. <u>Findings and Purpose</u>. <u>Amendment</u>. 3 CMC § 4437(c) is hereby amended to read:

"(c) All private sector nonresident employment contracts under this chapter shall provide that the employer is responsible and liable for the insurance or payment of all medical expenses of the nonresident worker, including cost of referral and evacuation for medical treatment outside the Commonwealth, and cost of the embalming and transportation of the body back to the country of origin in the event of death of the nonresident worker. All nonresident employment contracts in which any branch, agency or instrumentality of the Commonwealth Government is the employer shall provide for the availability of government subsidized health insurance to the nonresident employee on the same terms as provided to resident employees and shall include payment by the particular branch, agency or instrumentality of the Commonwealth government of the cost of embalming and transportation of the body back to the country of origin in the event of the death of the nonresident."

Section 2. <u>Severability</u>. If any section of this Act should be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act shall not be affected thereby.

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

CERTIFIED BY: ATTESTED BY: /s/ Paul A. Manglona /s/ Edward U. Maratita PAUL A. MANGLONA EDWARD U. MARATITA President of the Senate Senate Legislative Secretary 2000 Disapproved this 4th day of February, 1999. /s/ Pedro P. Tenorio PEDRO P. TENORIO

Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

OVERRIDDEN BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FEBRUARY 18, 2000 AND BY THE SENATE ON FEBRUARY 23, 2000 WITH THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF EACH HOUSE

/s/ Paul A. Manglona 2-24-2000 PAUL A. MANGLONA PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

/s/ Benigno R. Fitial 2/24/00 BENIGNO R. FITIAL SPEAKER **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

House Overrode on February 18, 2000. Senate Overrode on February 23, 2000. Became Public Law No. 11-124 on 2/23/00.