THIRTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

TENTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2003

PUBLIC LAW NO. 13-62 SENATE BILL NO. 13-157

AN ACT

To amend 3 CMC §4434(i)(1)(b) as amended by Public Law 13-20 to allow the Department of Public Works to hire nonresident professionals for technical and professional positions until September 30, 2005

BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. <u>Findings and Purpose</u>. The Legislature finds that because of the limited number of qualified resident workers and budgetary constraints in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Department of Public Works should continue to hire nonresident workers to fill technical and professional positions within the department. This Act extends the hiring deadline established by Public Law 13-20 to September 30, 2005

Section 2. Amendments. 3 CMC § 4434(i)(1)(b), as amended by Public Law 13-20, is hereby amended by striking out the date "September 30, 2003," wherever it appears in the subparagraph and replacing it with the date "September 30, 2005."

Section 3. <u>Regulations</u>. The Department of Immigration is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the intent and provisions of this act.

Section 4. <u>Severability</u>. 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 5. <u>Savings Clause</u>. 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herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.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

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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 on the date this Act becomes effective.

Section 6. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming law without such approval.

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President of the Senate

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Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands