

**Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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Session, 2017

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H. B. 20- 30

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

To require all tour companies and agents to register and be issued a permit by the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA); and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1           **Section 1. Findings and purpose.** The Commonwealth Legislature finds  
2 that many tour companies and agents in the Commonwealth are picking up and  
3 dropping off customers and/or delivering or picking up cargos at the airport and  
4 seaport areas of the CNMI. The Legislature further finds that the safety of the  
5 employees at these specific locations and the visitors of the Commonwealth must  
6 be protected. The Legislature finds that it is important that each individual  
7 entering the airport and seaport areas of the Commonwealth are accounted for,  
8 most especially those that provide services for profit. Additionally, the Legislature  
9 finds that many of these businesses have been around but with the growing  
10 tourism industry here in the Commonwealth it is proper that we take necessary  
11 steps in preventing any type of emergency that could be avoided should this Act  
12 become law. Therefore, the intent of this Act is to require all tour companies and

1 agents conducting business at CNMI airports and seaports to register and be  
2 issued a permit by the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA).

3 **Section 2. Enactment.** Notwithstanding any laws, provisions or statutes  
4 to the contrary and subject to proper codification by the Commonwealth Law  
5 Revision Commission the following new provision is hereby enacted:

6 “101. Tour companies and agents registration with the  
7 Commonwealth Port Authority (CPA).

8 (a) All tour companies and agents doing business within the  
9 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands airports and seaports are  
10 hereby required to register and be issued a Commonwealth Ports Authority  
11 (CPA) permit or identification card to pick up and drop off tourist  
12 customers and cargos at the airports and seaports. Furthermore, the tour  
13 companies and agents shall provide a listing of all of its employees, and  
14 add or delete the listing whenever it is applicable, to CPA. CPA shall  
15 charge a nominal fee for producing permits or identification cards for the  
16 tour companies and agents.”

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

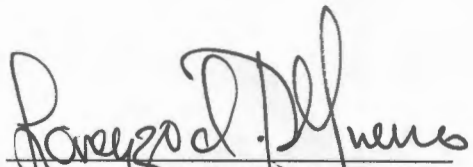
1           **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein  
2 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or  
3 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted  
4 under the statutes. Repealers contained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

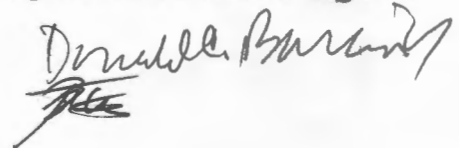
8           **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by  
9 the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

Prefiled: Jan. 27, 2017

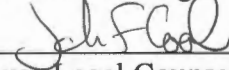
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