



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FIFTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST DAY, THIRD SPECIAL SESSION, 2007

PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-86
H. B. NO. 15-258

AN ACT

TO AMEND 1 CMC §7407, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

1 **Section 1. Purpose.** The purposes of this Act are to establish uniform per diem
2 policies for government travel and to prohibit the purchase of first class, business class, or
3 other premium airline tickets by the Commonwealth Government.

4 **Section 2. Amendment.** Section 7407 of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 7 of Title 1
5 of the Commonwealth Code is amended to read as follows:

6 **“§ 7407. Restrictions on Government Paid Travel Outside** of the
7 Commonwealth.

8 (b)-(d) Unchanged.

9 (e) *Per diem allotments.* Per diem allotments shall be made in accordance
10 with a uniform government policy applicable to all branches, departments, divisions,
11 agencies, and autonomous agencies of the Commonwealth Government. The
12 Secretary of Finance shall develop and implement the policy by regulation and shall
13 set the *per diem* rates for government travel.

14 (f) *Airfare restriction.* The Commonwealth Government shall not purchase or
15 furnish for or reimburse to any employee, contractor, board member, or other person
16 required to travel on behalf of the Government, its departments, divisions, agencies,
17 and autonomous agencies, an airline ticket for travel in first class, business class, or
18 any other premium class designation. Travel agents issuing tickets for government
19 travel shall only be paid at the regular economy fare or its equivalent. Any


1 government employee who causes an airline ticket to be issued in violation of this
2 section shall pay a civil fine of w e thousand dollars (\$1,000)."

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9 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.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:



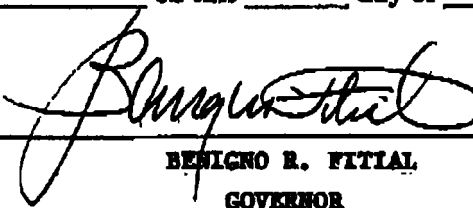
OSCAR M. BABAUTA
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

ATTESTED TO BY:



EVELYN C. FLEMING
HOUSE CLERK

APPROVED on this 56th day of SEPTEMBER 2007



BENIGNO R. FITIAL
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