

Public Law 115–53  
115th Congress

An Act

To amend Public Law 94–241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands.

Aug. 22, 2017  
[H.R. 339]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Northern Mariana Islands Economic Expansion Act”.

Northern  
Mariana Islands  
Economic  
Expansion Act.  
48 USC 1801  
note.

**SEC. 2. COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS: TRANSITIONAL WORKERS.**

Section 6 of Public Law 94–241 (48 U.S.C. 1806) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(6), by striking “\$150” and inserting “\$200”; and

(2) in subsection (d)(2)—

(A) by striking the period at the end of the first sentence and inserting “, except a permit for construction occupations (as that term is defined by the Department of Labor as Standard Occupational Classification Group 47–0000 or any successor provision) shall only be issued to extend a permit first issued before October 1, 2015.”; and

(B) by striking “‘ending on December 31, 2019.’” and inserting “ending on December 31, 2019, except that for fiscal year 2017 an additional 350 permits shall be made available for extension of existing permits, expiring after the date of enactment of the Northern Mariana Islands Economic Expansion Act through September 30, 2017, of which no fewer than 60 shall be reserved for healthcare practitioners and technical operations (as that term is defined by the Department of Labor as Standard Occupational Classification Group 29–0000 or any successor provision), and no fewer than 10 shall be reserved for plant and system operators (as that term is defined by the

Permits.

Department of Labor as Standard Occupational Classification Group 51–8000 or any successor provision).”.

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Jan. 30, considered and passed House.

Aug. 1, considered and passed Senate, amended.

Aug. 11, House concurred in Senate amendment.