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SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1985

DELEGATE PROPOSAL NO. 223-85

A PROPOSAL

To add a new Section \_\_\_\_\_ to Article X relative to the employment of nonresident workers.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

Upon ratification pursuant to Section 5 of Article XVIII of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution and Public Law No. 4-30, a new Section \_\_\_\_\_ is added to Article X of the Constitution to read:

"Section \_\_\_\_\_. Nonresident Worker Fees. Employment of nonresident workers is a privilege granted by the Commonwealth pursuant to law. For the purposes of this section, a nonresident is a person who is not a United States citizen and who is not a permanent resident as may be defined by law. In addition to such other fees as may be established by law, there shall be imposed an annual fee to be paid by the employer for the the privilege of having a nonresident worker reside and work in the Commonwealth. This fee shall be \$150 per nonresident worker and shall increase to \$400 on October 1, 1986, to \$800 on October 1, 1987, to \$1,400 on October 1, 1988, and to \$2,000 on October 1, 1989. Employers shall be prohibited from deducting any amounts from the pay of the nonresident worker on account of the fee required by this section or from otherwise causing this cost to be borne by the employee. The legislature may provide for this fee to be paid in pro rata installments during the year, for a higher fee, or for refund or credit of a pro rata portion of the fee in the event a nonresident worker is not employed for a full year.

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