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Law 9 of 2000.

I Assent

James M. Ryan

Governor.

Date: 18th August, 2000.

## A LAW TO AMEND THE IMMIGRATION LAW (2000 REVISION)

ENACTED by the Legislature of the Cayman Islands.

1. This Law may be cited as the Immigration (Amendment) Law, 2000.

Short title

- 2. Section 2 of the Immigration Law (2000 Revision), hereinafter called the "principal law", is amended-
- Amendment of section 2 of the principal law
- (a) by the insertion, in its correct alphabetical order, of the following
  - ""business visitors permit" means a permit granted under section 34A;" and
- (b) by the addition in the definition of "work permit", immediately before the word "includes," of the words ", subject to section 36,".
- 3. Subsection (1) of section 13 of the principal law is amended by the addition, immediately before the end thereof, of the following words-

Amendment of section 13 of the principal Law

"and in the case of appeals made under section 12 shall be accompanied by a non-refundable processing fee of one hundred dollars".

4. Section 34 of the principal law is repealed and replaced by the following new section-

Repeal and replacement of s.34 of the principal law "Temporary work permit

- 34. (1) The Chief Immigration Officer or the Chairman of the Immigration Board (or in the absence of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman) may, on application in the prescribed form accompanied by such documentary or other evidence as may be prescribed by or on behalf of a visitor who desires to enter or remain in the Islands temporarily for the purposes of any gainful occupation, grant to such visitor a temporary work permit in the prescribed form upon the payment of the prescribed fee.
- (2) A temporary work permit granted under subsection (1) shall be for such period not exceeding ninety days as the Chief Immigration Officer or person granting the permit shall think fit.
- (3) Before granting an application under subsection (1) the Chief Immigration Officer or person granting the permit shall satisfy himself that suitable living accommodation in the Islands will be available for the visitor concerned throughout his proposed stay therein.
- (4) The Chief Immigration Officer or the Chairman of the Immigration Board (or in the absence of the Chairman the Deputy Chairman) may, from time to time, extend the period of validity of or revoke, vary or modify the terms of any temporary work permit, but may not extend the total period of time granted under such permit beyond ninety days."

Addition of new section to the principal law

5. The principal law is amended by the addition, immediately following section 34, of the following new section-

"Business visitors permits 34A. (1) Local companies registered under the Companies Law (2000 Revision) and partnerships and firms working in the Islands who regularly throughout each year employ persons not ordinarily resident in the Islands on a temporary basis, may make a single application in each calendar year to the Chief Immigration Officer for the issue, in each calendar year, of one or more business visitors permits and for more than one visit.

- (2) An application for business visitors permits shall be in respect of such number of persons and visits as the company, partnership or firm wishes to have granted and shall contain, in respect of each such person, such information as may be prescribed by regulations.
- (3) An application shall state the maximum number of times it is desired that each business visitor be admitted to the Islands in such year and the maximum stay of each such business visitor during each visit.
- (4) No business visitors permit shall be issued for more than fourteen days on any one visit.
- (5) The Chief Immigration Officer, in considering an application under this section, shall take into account such of the matters set out in section 32(1) as he considers relevant and may agree such business plan with the company, partnership or firm submitting it, and, when agreeing it or when granting business visitors permits, may impose such conditions and limitations as he thinks fit.
- (6) The annual fee, in respect of such business visitors permits, shall be such as may be laid down by regulations and shall be determined by the number of persons in respect of whom application is made and the number of visits per person in the relevant calendar year.".
- 6. Subsection (1) of section 36 of the principal law is amended, in the proviso thereto, by the addition, immediately following the words "work permit" where those words firstly occur, of the words "other than a temporary work permit granted under section 34".

Amendment of section 36 of the principal Law

7. Section 48 is amended, in subsection (3), by the deletion of the words "give the prescribed security" where those words twice occur and the substitution therefor in each case of the words "pay such non-refundable repatriation fee as may be prescribed by regulations".

Amendment of section 48 of the principal law

8. Subsection (2) of section 74 of the principal law is amended by the insertion, immediately following paragraph (d), of the following new paragraph-

Amendment of section 74 of the principal law

"(da) providing for the submission by a company to the

Board of business staffing plans, prescribing the contents of and procedures concerning such plans and the method of granting work permits following approval of such plans;".

Passed by the Legislative Assembly the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2000.

MABRY S. KIRKCONNELL Speaker.

GEORGETTE MYRIE

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.