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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedures and the authority under the NMI Constitution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

Meeting: House of Representatives Third Day, Second Regular Session
Date and Time: Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 1:30 PM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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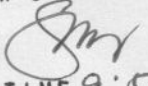
EDMUND SABLAN VILLAGOMEZ
SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 20 September 2021
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 3rd Day, 2nd Regular Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the 3rd Day, 2nd Regular Session for Thursday, 23 September 2021 at 1:30 p.m. in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2021

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
3rd Day, Second Regular Session	Thursday, September 23, 2021	1:30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (None)**
- 4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

A. House Bills:

H. B. No. 22-78

To clarify the powers of the CNMI Cannabis Commission and make needed changes to the Commonwealth Code to support adequate development of the Cannabis Industry in the Commonwealth.

Filed by: **REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 1
(for himself, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Angel A. Demapan, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. No. 22-79

To allow for right hand drive vehicles that are twenty-five (25) years or older to be imported and registered in the CNMI; and for other purpose.

Filed by: **REP. RICHARD T. LIZAMA** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (for himself)

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. No. 22-22

To amend the Saipan Official Zoning Map sheet 05 of 29 to rezone certain districts to “Mixed Commercial”; and for other purposes.

Filed by: **REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 1
(for himself)

H. L. B. No. 22-23

To appropriate the sum of One Million dollars (1,000,000.00) from the exclusive gaming annual license fees allotted to the First Senatorial District under 4 CMC § 2307(a); and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*)

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions:

B. House Joint Resolutions:

H. J. R. No. 22-11

To condemn the Government of Japan's decision to dump nuclear waste into the Pacific Ocean, oppose any other government's actions related to nuclear testing, storage, and waste disposal in the Pacific, and reaffirm everyone's fundamental right to a safe and healthy living environment.

Prefiled by: REP. SHEILA J. BABAUTA of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for herself, Representatives Vicente C. Camacho, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai*)

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

D. House Concurrent Resolutions:

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 22-66: (9/2/2021) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Keisha Blaise, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-67: (9/2/2021) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Leslie Ann Healer, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-68: (9/2/2021) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Steven M. Mullin, Biologist, at the Division of Fish & Wildlife, DLNR to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-69: (9/3/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-11, D1 (*To re-appropriate \$40,000 allotted under Tinian Local Law 20-15, Section 2(g) to the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board; and for other purposes.*). Became **Tinian Local Law 22-03** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-70: (9/3/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-14, D1 (*To re-appropriate \$62,996 under Tinian Local Law 22-2, Section 2(b); and for other purposes.*). Became **Tinian Local Law 22-04** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-71: (9/3/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-16, D1 (*To appropriate \$78,000 from revenues collected from poker fees for the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.*). Became **Tinian Local Law 22-05** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-72: (received 9/14/2021) **Executive Order 2021-17—RENEWAL—Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency and continued Declaration of State of Significant Emergency establishing response, quarantine, and preventive containment measures concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and RENEWAL—Order directing the Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office through the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to undertake necessary COVID-19 containment measures by means of the development of Emergency Directives to protect the health and safety of the public.**

GOV. COMM. 22-73: (received 9/14/2021) **Executive Order 2021-18—RENEWING AUTHORITY—Order authorizing the Secretary of Finance to reprogram or transfer funds from accounts of any department, agency, office, board, commission, corporation, instrumentality or other entity of all branches of the Commonwealth Government in order to meet the threat of COVID-19.**

GOV. COMM. 22-74: (received 9/14/2021) **Executive Order 2021-19—RENEWAL—Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency and continued Declaration of State of Significant Emergency establishing response, quarantine, and preventive containment measures concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and RENEWAL—Order directing the Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office through the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to undertake necessary COVID-19 containment measures by means of the development of Emergency Directives to protect the health and safety of the public.**

GOV. COMM. 22-75: (9/14/2021) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Christian K. Johnson, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-76: (9/16/2021) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Carl Allan F. Dela Cruz, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 22-44: (8/31/2021) Informing the House of the Senate's Conferees to the Conference Committee on H. B. NO. 22-74, HD3, SD1, entitled, "*To make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for government corporations for Fiscal Year 2022; and for other purposes.*" [*Sen. Victor B. Hocog, Chair; Sen. Justo S. Quitugua Vice Chair; Sen. Teresita A. Santos, Member; Alternate Member: Sen. Karl R. King-Nabors.*] [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 22-45: (9/14/2021) Returning H. B. No. 22-12, entitled, "*To amend 4 CMC § 51420 (b) to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to establish and promulgate reasonable registration and permitting fees through adopted regulations; and for other purposes.*", which was passed by the Senate without amendments on September 14, 2021. [*For info-Transmitted to Governor on September 16, 2021*]

SEN. COMM. 22-46: (9/14/2021) Returning H. B. No. 22-28, HD1, entitled, "*To rename the structure for the Center for Living Independently in the CNMI to "The Lydia D. Igitol Center for*

Living Independently in the CNMI”; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate without amendments on September 14, 2021. [*For info-Transmitted to Governor on September 16, 2021*]

SEN. COMM. 22-47: (9/14/2021) Returning H. B. No. 22-31, HS1, entitled, “*To authorize the Department of Public Lands to issue encroachment permits and charge fees for the use of the public lands located within 150 feet of the high water mark.*”, which was passed by the Senate without amendments on September 14, 2021. [*For info-Transmitted to Governor on September 16, 2021*]

SEN. COMM. 22-48: (9/14/2021) Returning H. B. 22-2, entitled, “*To amend the Commonwealth Code to authorize civil claims for child sexual abuse to be commenced at any time; and for other purposes.*”, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on September 14, 2021, in the form of **H. B. No. 22-2, SD1**. [**For action on Senate amendments**]

SEN. COMM. 22-49: (9/14/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-19, SD1, entitled, “*To require all gas service stations to provide to the public free compressed air, a gauge for measuring air pressure, and tap water; and for other purposes.*”, which was passed by the Senate on September 14, 2021. [**For action**]

SEN. COMM. 22-50: (9/14/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-20, SD1, entitled, “*To establish the Hunting Act of 2021 for the Commonwealth, and for other purposes.*”, which was passed by the Senate on September 14, 2021. [**For action**]

SEN. COMM. 22-51: (9/14/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-22, SS1, entitled, “*To amend the provisions pertaining to village and agricultural homesteads in Rota, Tinian, and Saipan, and to specifically prohibit the Department of Public Lands from revoking a village or agricultural homestead permit after it is approved and issued because the applicant met all the requirements, including that the applicant has no interest in land at the time the permit was approved; and for other purposes.*”, which was passed by the Senate on September 14, 2021. [**For action**]

SEN. COMM. 22-52: (9/14/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-37, SD1, entitled, “*To amend Chapter 4, Division 6 of Title of the Commonwealth Code relating to bail proceedings.*”, which was passed by the Senate on September 14, 2021. [**For action**]

SEN. COMM. 22-53: (9/14/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-38, SD1, entitled, “*To amend Crimes and Criminal Procedure Code definitions of dangerous weapon and serious bodily injury.*”, which was passed by the Senate on September 14, 2021. [**For action**]

SEN. COMM. 22-54: (9/14/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-44, SD1, entitled, “*To authorize the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety to work with private business owners to install video surveillance cameras directed toward the public right-of-way in support of the CNMI’s reporting system; and for other purposes.*”, which was passed by the Senate on September 14, 2021. [**For action**]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 22-32: (8/31/2021) From Minority Leader Angel A. Demapan, informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal leave on September 1, 2021—September 8, 2021 and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions during his absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 22-33: (8/31/2021) From Floor Leader Ralph N. Yumul, informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official and personal business on September 1, 2021—September 16, 2021 and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions during his absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 22-34: (9/9/2021) From Representative Lizama, informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official and personal business on September 14, 2021—October 16, 2021 and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions during his absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 22-35: (9/17/2021) From Representative Flores, informing the Speaker that he will be extending his leave of absence from September 20, 2021—September 28, 2021 and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions during his absence. [*For info*]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – (None)

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 22-26: (8/16/2021) From the Secretary, Department of Finance (DOF) submitting *FY 2021—Third Quarter Financial Report*. [*For info*]

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 22-61: (8/31/2021) From the CNMI Chamorro-Carolinian Language Policy Commission (CCLPC) re: *Mandatory requirements according to Public Law 15-96 that mandates that the CCLPC provide all CNMI government agencies and make recommendation to the legislature on policies governing the usage of the Chamorro and Carolinian language in the government sector*. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 22-62: (8/31/2021) From the LB Director re: *ARPA Expenditure Plan as allotted to the Legislative Bureau*. [*For info*]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (2)

S. C. R. No. 22-27: Reporting on S. B. No. 22-3, SD1, entitled: “To amend 1 CMC § 2892(l) to exempt the Northern Marianas Technical Institute, as established by Public Law 20-92, from the oversight of the Office of Grants Management and State Clearinghouse; and for other purposes.” *Your House Committee on Education recommends that the House pass S. B. No. 22-3, SD1 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 22-28: Reporting on S. B. No. 22-18, SD1, entitled: “To waive the Northern Marianas College tuition for a veteran with 30 percent or greater service-connected disability; and for other purposes.” *Your House Committee on Education recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of S. B. No. 22-18, SD1, HD1.*

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES – (1)

C. C. R. No. 22-1: Reporting on H. B. NO. 22-74, HD3, SD1, entitled, “To make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for government corporations for Fiscal Year 2022; and for other purposes.” *Your Conference Committee recommends passage of the bill in the form of H. B. 22-74, HD3, SD1, CCS1.*

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (None)

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
H. B. No. 22-3	A Bill for an Act to amend 9 CMC §2101(d) by requiring the motor vehicle liability insurance expiration to be consistent with the vehicle registration expiration; and for other purposes.	

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY: 1st Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

H. L. B. NO. 22-19: To amend 10 CMC, Division 3, §3702, Authorization to the Municipalities, to require dog owners to be responsible for their pets solid waste disposals. Introduced by REP. DENITA KAIPAT YANGETMAI of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Richard T. Lizama, and Ralph N. Yumul) on August 3, 2021.

H. L. B. NO. 22-20: To prohibit the hunting of Sambar Deer on Tinian until the year 2026; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on August 3, 2021.

*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on
 August 31, 2021:*

H. B. NO. 22-76: To rename the “Ma’afala Breadfruit Program” as the “Ivan A. Blanco Breadfruit Program”. Introduced by REP. ROY C. A. ADA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on August 31, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 22-77: To establish the CNMI Qualified Medical Travel Assistance Program or MTAP; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. CHRISTINA M.E. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for herself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on August 31, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Health and Welfare.

H. L. B. NO. 22-21: To appropriate \$1,000,000.00 of the Casino License Fees collected for the Second Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-10; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on August 31, 2021.

House information on deadlines for override: