## TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 12, 2024

Third Regular, 2024

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### A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT FOR THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT

To appropriate \$600,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Saipan Local Law 22-06; and for other purposes.

# BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:

#### 1 SECTION 1. PURPOSE.

- The purpose of this Act is to appropriate local funds from the revenues
- 3 collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Saipan Local Law 20-06.

#### 4 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.

- Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the
- 6 contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the Saipan
- 7 and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates
- 8 \$600,000.00 of the revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to
- 9 Saipan Local Law 22-06 as follows:

1	(A) \$100,000.00 to Saipan Mayors Office for personnel/operations, the
2	expenditure authority under 2(A) shall be the Mayor of Saipan or his/her designee;
3	(B) \$100,000.00 for the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance
4	program (SHEFA) for the scholarship of students from the Third Senatorial
5	District; expenditure authority under 2(B) shall be the Chairperson of the SHEFA
6	Board or his/her designee; and
7	(C) \$400,000.00 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
8	for but not limited to various projects within Precinct III, expenditure authority
9	under 2(C) shall be the Chairperson of the Delegation or his/her designee;
10	SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.
11	Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other
12	purpose and notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under this
13	Act shall be without fiscal year limitation.
14	SECTION 4. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.
15	Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be
16	responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance by
17	the end of the 2024 calendar year. Provided further that failure to provide all
18	expenses, entities (Government, non-profits entities, etc excluding specific
19	projects) that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any
20	future funds appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative
21	Delegation.

#### **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

- 2 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any
- 3 person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction,
- 4 the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
- 5 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected
- 6 thereby.

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#### 7 SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

- 8 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as
- 9 affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
- 10 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers
- 11 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to
- 12 prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in
- any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in
- 14 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

#### SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

- This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming
- 17 law without such approval.

Prefiled:

Date:

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Introduced by:

Rep. Ralph N. Yumul

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

House Legal Counsel

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