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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable Vinson F. Sablan
Chairman, Saipan and Northern Islands
Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

July 02, 2021

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SENATOR VINNIE F. SABLAN
DATE: 7/6/21 @ 10:13am
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The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
House of Representatives
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:


This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 22-7**, entitled, "To appropriate \$1,446,000.00 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended; and for other purposes", which was unanimously passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 22-2**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Acting Governor

cc: Governor; Press Secretary; Secretary of Finance; Law Revision Commission; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review; Special Assistant for Administration; Attorney General; SHEFA Board; Saipan Mayor's Office; Northern Island Mayor's Office


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SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2021**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 22-7

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

To appropriate \$1,446,000.00 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended; and for other purposes.

Offered by Representatives:

Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, John Paul P. Sablan, Denita K. Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul

Prefiled on April 12, 2021 and Introduced on April 23, 2021

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on

April 26, 2021

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred To	: None
Comments Solicited	: 4/26/21 – DM 22-33 Mayor Apatang DM 22-34 Mayor Santos DM 22-35 Chairperson, 16 th SNIMC
Comments Received	: 5/4/21 – Mayors Comm. 22-7 6/22/21 – Mayors Comm. 22-17
Standing Committee Report	: None
Passed First & Final Reading	: June 23, 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frances", written over a horizontal line.

Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Third Senatorial District

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**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.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate local funds from the revenues collected pursuant
3 to Saipan Local Law 11-2 (poker fees).

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

5 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary and
6 pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the Saipan and Northern Islands
7 Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates \$1,446,000.00 of the revenues collected
8 pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended as follows:

9 (A) \$1,200,000.00 to Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance (SHEFA), provided
10 however that \$250,000 of the \$1,200,000.00 shall be reserved for SHEFA personnel and

1 operations, the expenditure authority under 2(A) shall be the SHEFA Board Chairperson in
2 concurrence with the SHEFA Board.

3 (B) \$246,000.00 shall be allocated as follows:

4 (1) \$200,000.00 for the Saipan Mayors Office, expenditure authority shall be the
5 Mayor of Saipan or his/her designee

6 (a) \$100,000.00 for Field Operations

7 (b) \$100,000.00 for the Saipan Street Naming project;

8 (2) \$46,000.00 for the Northern Islands Mayors Office personnel and operations,
9 expenditure authority shall be the Mayor of the Northern Islands or his/her designee.

10 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

11 The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2 unless specified in this Act shall
12 be the Secretary of Finance.

13 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

14 Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose and
15 notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under this Act shall be without fiscal
16 year limitation.

17 **SECTION 5. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

18 (A) The Secretary of Finance shall regulate and control the expenditure of the funds
19 appropriated by this Act to ensure that appropriated funds are not expended contrary to the law,
20 fiscal management policies, and practices of the Commonwealth.

21 **SECTION 6. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

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1 Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be responsible to
2 report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance by the end of the 2021 calendar
3 year. Provided further that failure to provide all expenses entities that were afforded funds under
4 this Act shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated by the Saipan and Northern
5 Islands Legislative Delegation.

6 **SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.**

7 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or
8 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this
9 Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it
10 is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

11 **SECTION 8. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

18 **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

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CERTIFIED BY:



VINNIE F. SABLAN
Chairman

Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ
Speaker
House of Representatives

Approved on this 2nd day of July, 2021.



ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Acting Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands