

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SPECIAL SESSION, 2017

AMENDED

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1st Day, Third Special Session	Friday, May 5, 2017	10:07 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. ROLL CALL

All 18 Members present; 2 Members absent. (Reps. Jose I. Itibus [ABS-EXC]) For the record the Speaker announced that Representative Jose I. Itibus is duly excused; and Representative Janet U. Maratita will be arriving in chamber shortly.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments (verbal) was presented by approximately 1 individuals on:

(1) H. B. No. 20-34

3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

First Day, First Special Session Journal - April 3 2017 - Adopted 5/5/17 First Day, Second Special Session Journal - April 21 2017- Adopted 5/5/17

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. House Bills:

H. B. NO. 20-76: To amend 4 CMC § 8210 Damage; Cost of Repairing and § 8212 (e) Civil Penalties. **REP. JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, Angel A. Demapan, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Glenn L. Maratita, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., and John Paul P. Sablan) on May 5, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Public Utilities and Communications.

H. B. No. 20-77: To establish a separate statute and penalty for individuals committing the act of vandalism; and for other purposes. Introduced by **REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on May 5, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 20-78: To amend 6 CMC §10101(y) to include special agents (investigators) and enforcement agents of any gaming commission to give them the authority to possess firearms; and for other purposes. Introduced by **REP. VINSON F. SABLAN** of Saipan, Precinct 4, (*for himself*) on May 5, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 20-79: To protect coral reefs through recovery of monetary damages resulting from vessel groundings and anchoring-related injuries, destructive fishing practices, and non-permitted taking of threatened species. Introduced by **REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN** of

Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on May 5, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H. B. NO. 20-80: To provide a tax incentive for business entities that hire qualified exoffenders. Introduced by **REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, and John Paul P. Sablan) on May 5, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

[ADDED 5/5/17] H. B. No. 20-81: To amend Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 14 of the Commonwealth Code by inserting new sections to restrict future public land leases until the completion of the comprehensive land use plans. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (for himself) on May 5, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. No. 20-14: To require all property owners that hold blighted properties within the island of Saipan to be held accountable to secure and maintain abandoned, vacant, and blighted properties; and for other purposes. Introduced by **REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, and Vinson F. Sablan) on May 5, 2017.

- [ADDED 5/5/17] H. L. B. No. 20-15: To repeal Chapter 4 of the Saipan Municipal Code and to establish the Saipan Bingo Act of 2017; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Ivan A. Blanco, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, and John Paul P. Sablan)
- [ADDED 5/5/17] H. L. B. NO. 20-16: To re-appropriate Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Two cents (\$10,759.92) allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-08 and One Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$190,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-23; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Edwin K. Propst, and Gregorio M. Sablan Jr.)
- [ADDED 5/5/17] H. L. B. NO. 20-17: To appropriate funds specifically allotted to the Second Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-30 as amended; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*)
 - C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

- A. House Resolutions: None
- **B.** House Joint Resolutions: None
- C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

C. RES. No. 20-5: To express our sincere condolences and sympathies to the bereaved family of the late Kevin T. Atalig and to pay tribute to his countless contributions to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by **REP. GLENN L. MARATITA** of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on May 5, 2017; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

- [ADDED 5/5/17] C. RES. No. 20-6: To recognize the outstanding achievements and services of Captain Guillermo T. Faller to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. Introduced by REP. DONALD C. BARCINAS of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for himself, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on May 5, 2017; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.
 - **D.** House Concurrent Resolutions: None

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

- [ADDED 5/5/17] GOV. COMM. 20-26: Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Barbara P. Cepeda, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$73,000. [*For info*]
- [ADDED 5/5/17] GOV. COMM. 20-27: Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Michael J. Cyganek, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$56,000. [*For info*]
- [ADDED 5/5/17] GOV. COMM. 20-28: Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Martin P. De Los Angeles, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$57,000. [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS - None

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 20-32: (4/20/17) From Representative Attao informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on Monday, April 24, 2017 and will be returning on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 and request to be excused from all scheduled meetings and session during his absence.

HSE. COMM. 20-33: (4/20/17) From Representative Guerrero informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on April 21, 2017 to April 27, 2017 and request to be excused from all scheduled meetings and session during his absence.

HSE. COMM. 20-34: (4/18/17) From Representative Aldan informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from Friday, April 21, 2017 to Thursday, April 27, 2017 and request to be excused from all scheduled meetings and session during his absence.

HSE. COMM. 20-35: (4/18/17) From Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from Friday, April 21, 2017 to Thursday, April 27, 2017 and request to be excused from all scheduled meetings and session during his absence.

- [ADDED 5/5/17] HSE. COMM. 20-36: (5/2/17) From Representative Itibus informing the Speaker that he has extended his notice and remains to be out of the Commonwealth until Saturday, May 6, 2017 and request to be excused from all scheduled meetings and session during his absence.
- [ADDED 5/5/17] HSE. COMM. 20-37: (4/26/17) From your Committee on Public Utilities and Communications re: House PUC Committee meeting conducted on April 11, 2017 to investigate and analyze if actions taken by the CUC Board of Directors have any legal and/or ethical repercussions. *Your Committee* on Public Utilities and Communications recommends with the exception of Mr. David Sablan, should resign and vacate their positions as members of the CUC's Board of Directors.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH - None

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES - None

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS - None

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

S. C. R. No. 20-14: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-48, entitled: "A Bill for an Act to amend 4 CMC § 5565 to prohibit any person under the age of 18 years of age to serve any alcoholic beverages at any on-sale establishment; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends the House pass* **H. B. No. 20-48** *in its current form.* [House adopted 5/5/17]

S. C. R. No. 20-15: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-3, entitled: "A Bill for an Act to amend and repeal provisions of the Vehicle Code to allow for e-citation implementation; and for other purposes."

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends the House pass **H. B. No. 20-3** in its current form. [House adopted 5/5/17]

S. C. R. No. 20-16: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-34, entitled: "A Bill for an Act to repeal in part Section 3 of Public Law No. 19-42 and revive former 6 CMC § 2222(e) and its associated definitions." *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends the House pass H. B. No. 20-34 in its current form.* [House adopted 5/5/17]

S. C. R. No. 20-17: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-44, entitled: "A Bill for an Act to amend 8 CMC §1202(a) to establish separate marriage license fees for residents and non-residents; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 20-44, HD1*. [House adopted 5/5/17]

S. C. R. No. 20-18: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-37, entitled: "A Bill for an Act to prohibit the taking and selling of certain sizes of fish species by adding a new section 5645 to Article 4, Chapter 6, Division 5 of Title 2 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends the House pass* **H. B. No. 20-37** *in its current form.* [House adopted 5/5/17]

S. C. R. No. 20-19: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-45, entitled: "A Bill for an Act to establish two new public highways, Route 324 in the village of Laulau and Route 325 in the village of Kanat Tabla on the Island of Saipan; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Transportation recommends the House pass the bill in the form of* **H. B. No. 20-45, HD1**. [House adopted 5/5/17]

S. C. R. NO. 20-20: Reporting on H. J. R. No. 20-3, entitled: "A House Joint Resolution respectfully requesting the Secretary of the Department of Public Works to include Lau Lau Bay Road under the Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Transportation recommends the House adopt* **H. J. R. No. 20-3** *in its current form.* [House adopted 5/5/17]

S. C. R. No. 20-21: Reporting on H. Con. Res. No. 20-1, entitled: "A House Concurrent Resolution to approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC, Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2018, beginning October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2018." *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends the House adopt the resolution in the form of H. Con. Res. No. 20-1, HS1*. [House adopted 5/5/17]

13. **REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES** - None

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

	Resolution	Subject	Action
3	H. RES. NO. 20-7	A House Resolution in recognition and profound appreciation of	House adopted
		Bridge Capital, LLC. and its principals John K. Baldwin and	5/5/17
		Shawn Scott for their numerous contributions and donations to	
		various charities and causes in the Commonwealth of the Northern	
		Mariana Islands from 2006 to present.	

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4	C. Res. No. 20-5	A House Commemorative Resolution to express our sincere condolences and sympathies to the bereaved family of the late Kevin T. Atalig and to pay tribute to his countless contributions to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.	House adopted 5/5/17
	C. RES. NO. 20-6	A House Commemorative Resolution to recognize the outstanding achievements and services of Captain Guillermo T. Faller to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.	No action taken
2	H. J. R. No. 20-3 [S. C. R. No. 20-20]	A House Joint Resolution respectfully requesting the Secretary of the Department of Public Works to include Lau Lau Bay Road under the Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) and for other purposes.	House adopted 5/5/17 [19-0]
1	H. Con. Res. No. 20- 1, HS1 [S. C. R. No. 20-21]	A House Concurrent Resolution to approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC, Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2018, beginning October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2018.	House adopted 5/5/17 [19-0]

16. BILL CALENDAR

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6	H. B. No. 20-48 [S. C. R. No. 20-14]	A Bill for an Act to amend 4 CMC § 5565 to prohibit any person under the age of 18 years of age to serve any alcoholic beverages at any on-sale establishment; and for other purposes.	House passed on First and Final Reading 5/5/17 [17-2]
3	H. B. No. 20-3 [S. C. R. No. 20-15]	A Bill for an Act to amend and repeal provisions of the Vehicle Code to allow for e-citation implementation; and for other purposes.	House passed on First and Final Reading 5/5/17 [19-0]
4	H. B. No. 20-34 [S. C. R. No. 20-16]	A Bill for an Act to repeal in part Section 3 of Public Law No. 19-42 and revive former 6 CMC § 2222(e) and its associated definitions.	House passed on First and Final Reading 5/5/17 [19-0]
5	H. B. No. 20-44, HD1 [S. C. R. No. 20-17]	A Bill for an Act to amend 8 CMC §1202(a) to establish separate marriage license fees for residents and non-residents; and for other purposes.	House passed on First and Final Reading 5/5/17 w/HD2 [19-0]
1	H. B. No. 20-37 [S. C. R. No. 20-18]	A Bill for an Act to prohibit the taking and selling of certain sizes of fish species by adding a new section 5645 to Article 4, Chapter 6, Division 5 of Title 2 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes.	House passed on First and Final Reading 5/5/17 [19-0]
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17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

The House of Representative adjourned its 1st Day, Third Special Session at 11:26 a.m., subject to the Call of the Chair

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

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

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:

H. L. B. No. 20-13: To amend the height and landscaping requirements in Article 5 of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013 for the Beach Road Garapan East, Garapan Core, Industrial, Mixed Commercial, Public Resource, Rural and Village Commercial Zoning Districts. Introduced by REP. DONALD C. BARCINAS of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on April 21, 2017.

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

H. L. B. No. 20-12: To amend Section 1210(b) of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013 as amended by Saipan Local Law 18-5 by extending the effective date of for the relocation of all nonconforming adult gambling machine businesses. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, and Gregorio M. Sablan Jr.) on April 3, 2017.

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session April 21, 2017:

H. B. No. 20-69: To amend 2 CMC §§ 1631, 1634, 1636, 1637, and 1644 to authorize the Division of Fish and Wildlife to regulate marine sports and activities within the waters of conservation areas and sanctuaries, and to impose and collect conservation areas management fees by regulation and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ALICE S. IGITOL of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for herself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, John Paul P. Sablan, and Vinson F. Sablan) on April 21, 2017; and subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H. B. No. 20-70: To clarify sections 20139 and 20140 relating to the CNMI Veterans Cemetery. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on April 21, 2017; and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs.

H. B. No. 20-71: To make the Department of Lands and Natural Resources responsible for collecting the Managaha Fee and removing the Department of Public Lands as recipient of the Managaha Fees; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 21, 2017; and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

[Added 4/21/17] H. B. NO. 20-72: To strengthen the compliance and enforcement provisions of 3 CMC § 4525 with regards to local labor standards. Introduced by REP. FRANCISCO C. AGUON of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on April 21, 2017; and was jointly referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations and Committee on Social and Human Services.

[Added 4/21/17] H. B. No. 20-73: To amend Title 2, Division 4, Chapter 1of the Commonwealth Code by inserting new sections to restrict the rezoning of public lands until the completion of the comprehensive land use plans. Introduced by REP. VINSON F. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 4, (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, and Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero) on April 21, 2017; and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

[Added 4/21/17] H. B. No. 20-74: To amend Title 4 Section 5523 of the Commonwealth's Alcoholic Beverage Control, to provide an exception to licensure requirements for alcoholic beverages produced for home or personal consumption; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan and Edmund S. Villagomez) on April 21, 2017; and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

[Added 4/21/17] H. B. No. 20-75: To establish the Drug Court Revolving Fund and to authorize the Commonwealth Superior Court's Drug Court to impose fees on Drug Court participants; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 21, 2017; and was jointly referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Social and Human Services.

[Added 4/21/17] H. L. B. No. 20-13: To amend the height and landscaping requirements in Article 5 of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013 for the Beach Road Garapan East, Garapan Core, Industrial, Mixed Commercial, Public Resource, Rural and Village Commercial Zoning Districts. Introduced by REP. DONALD C. BARCINAS of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on April 21, 2017.

[Added 4/21/17] H. RES. No. 20-7: In recognition and profound appreciation of Bridge Capital, LLC. and its principals John K. Baldwin and Shawn Scott for their numerous contributions and donations to various charities and causes in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands from 2006 to present. Introduced by REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on April 21, 2017.

C. RES. No. 20-4: To convey our sincere condolences and sympathy of the House of Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature to the bereaved family of the late Richard B. Seman on the occasion of his untimely passing and paying tribute to his services to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) – Placed on the Resolution Calendar on April 21, 2017.

[Added 4/21/17] H. C. R. No. 20-1: To approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC, Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2018, beginning October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2018. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 21, 2017; was subsequently referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House information on deadlines for override: