

**TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE**

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Regular Session, 2022

H. B. 22-111

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend the compensation of the Casino Commission members.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE 22ND NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that the
2 compensation of the Commonwealth Casino Commission exceeds that of many
3 other instrumentalities of the Commonwealth government. Yet, with the license of
4 the sole casino licensee suspended, the funding mechanism for this generous
5 compensation is now effectively defunct. The Legislature therefore finds it
6 necessary to bring the compensation of the Commission members in line with other
7 public boards and commissions.

8 **Section 2. Amendment.** Title 4, Division 2, Section 2313(a) of the
9 Commonwealth Code is hereby amended to read:

10 The Commonwealth Casino Commission is hereby established as an
11 autonomous public agency of the government of the Commonwealth of the
12 Northern Mariana Islands. As an autonomous public agency, it shall establish and

1 maintain its own bank accounts, process the payroll of its members and employees,
2 process payment for its operational expenses, and handle procurement matters
3 pursuant to regulations consistent with Commonwealth law enacted therefore. The
4 Commission shall enact its own procurement policy, personnel policy, personnel
5 classification structure, and a salary schedule for its employees consistent with
6 Commonwealth law; ~~provided that 1 CMC §8246 and §8248 shall not apply to any~~
7 ~~employee of the Commonwealth Casino Commission.~~ The members of the
8 Commission shall be subject to 1 CMC § 8392 (reemployment and double dipping);
9 1 CMC §§ 8441 and 8442 (reemployment and salary waiver); and 1 CMC §§ 8246-
10 48 (salary cap).

11 Title 4, Division 2, Section 2313(j)-(k) of the Commonwealth Code is
12 hereby repealed.

13 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of
14 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court
15 of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its
16 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid
17 shall not be affected thereby.

18 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein
19 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or
20 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted
21 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
22 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have

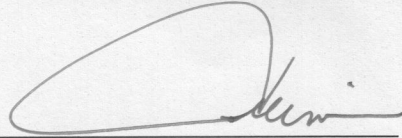
1 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal,
2 which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

3 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by
4 the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

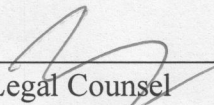
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