

TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Regular Session, 2021

H. B. 22-28

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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.

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

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that there are
2 people in this great Commonwealth whose character of life is indelibly enriched by
3 the noble and selfless efforts of those exceptional individuals who would devote
4 their time in the field of education and advocacy support. The Center for Living
5 Independently in the CNMI, whose main mission is to ensure the rights of people
6 with disabilities to live independently and fully integrate within the community, or
7 outside of an institutional setting, has been the main ambition of Mrs. Lydia D.
8 Igitol.

9 Her commitment and desire to assist people with disabilities to live
10 independently has indelibly impacted the lives of so many people in our great
11 Commonwealth. Furthermore, Mrs. Lydia D. Igitol has had many roles prior to her
12 dedicating her lives work to the Center for Living Independently in the CNMI. A

1 graduate of the University of Guam in Public Administration with an emphasis in
2 Accounting, Mrs. Lydia D. Igitol distinguished herself in public education in the
3 CNMI by dedicating 25 years of selfless service to the CNMI Public School System
4 (PSS) at which she retired from in December of 1988. After her retirement, Mrs.
5 Lydia D. Igitol applied for the Hawaii Centers for Independent Living , a non-profit
6 organization who sought to branch out their services, sparked a new interest and
7 pathway that would hold near and dear to her heart.

8 The Legislature further finds that Mrs. Lydia D. Igitol was then hired as a
9 Satellite Office Director under the Hawaii Centers for Independent Living, a
10 position she held from June 2001-April 2005. Her dedication and self-effacing
11 passion to help people with disabilities and spreading the Independent Living
12 philosophy which included community outreach ultimately led to the fruitful
13 opening of what is now the Center for Living Independently in the CNMI.

14 The Center for Living Independently in the CNMI has helped and assisted
15 countless people with disabilities as well as students with disabilities, through Mrs.
16 Lydia D. Igitol advocacy. Her legacy of bringing much needed Independent Living
17 skills and services for people with disabilities in the Northern Mariana Islands has
18 left a profound impact in this great Commonwealth. Therefore, it is just and

1 suitable to rename the structure for the Center for Living Independently in the
2 CNMI to “The Lydia D. Igitol Center for Living Independently in the CNMI”.

3 **Section 2. Enactment.** Subject to codification by the Commonwealth Law
4 Revision Commission the following provision is hereby enacted:

5 **“§ 101. Lydia D. Igitol Center for Living Independently in the**
6 **CNMI.**

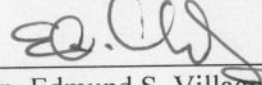
7 The structure for the Center for Living Independently in the CNMI
8 is hereby renamed to “The Lydia D. Igitol Center for Living
9 Independently in the CNMI”.”

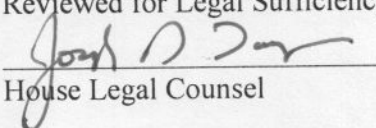
10 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of
11 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court
12 of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its
13 provisions to persons or circumstances other than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

15 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein
16 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or
17 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted
18 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
19 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have
20 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal,
21 which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

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

Prefiled: 3/4/2021

Date: 3/4/2021 Introduced by: 
Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

House Legal Counsel

