

TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH  
LEGISLATURE  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

\_\_\_\_\_ Regular Session, 2021

H. B. 22- 43

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To create an anti-littering incentive program by providing a reward for persons reporting violations of the Litter Control Act; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE 22<sup>ND</sup> NORTHERN MARIANAS  
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1           **Section 1. Short Title.** This Act is hereby known as the “Anti-littering  
2 Incentive Act of 2021”.

3           **Section 2. Findings.** The Commonwealth Legislature finds that there is a  
4 need to create a community-based incentive program that would promote a  
5 partnership with our government agencies who are tasked in enforcing litter  
6 violations. The Commonwealth Legislature finds that providing for a reward for  
7 persons reporting violations of the Litter Control Act will not only entice the  
8 community to report litter violations but also assist our overwhelmed government  
9 agencies.

10           The Commonwealth Legislature finds that although our government  
11 agencies continue to work hard to enforce the Litter Control Act, trash continues to  
12 be found on roadsides, beaches and other areas that are visible to the public. The

1 Commonwealth Legislature finds that there appears to be no effective way of  
2 enforcing the Commonwealth's Litter Control Act. When litter control officers are  
3 present, people do not litter. However, the majority of time, when litter control  
4 officers are not present littering tends to occur.

5 The Commonwealth Legislature further finds that in order to truly keep our  
6 islands clean and trash-free, there is a need to create an incentive program that  
7 would promote community partnership in reporting littering violations. Therefore,  
8 the purpose of this Act is to provide a reward to persons supplying information that  
9 leads to an assessment of penalties against persons who violate the Litter Control  
10 Act.

11 **Section 3. Amendment.** Title 2, Division 3, Chapter 4 is amended by  
12 adding a new Section 3418 as follows:

13 "Section 3418. Reward.

14 Any person supplying information that leads to the assessment of a  
15 civil penalty under this act shall be entitled to a reward of \$150. The reward  
16 shall be paid from the Litter Control Program Fund Account pursuant to 2  
17 CMC § 3416 (c)."

18 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of  
19 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court  
20 of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its

1 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid  
2 shall not be affected thereby.

3           **Section 5. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein  
4 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or  
5 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted  
6 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding  
7 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have  
8 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal,  
9 which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

10           **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by  
11 the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

Prefiled: 3/12/2021

Date: 3/12/2021

Introduced by:



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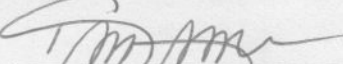
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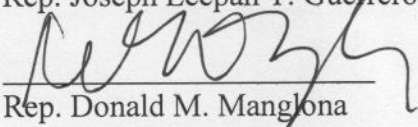


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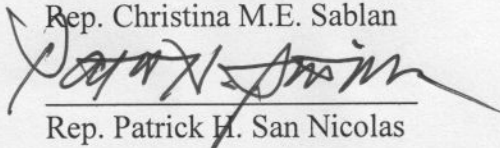




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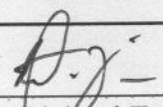
  
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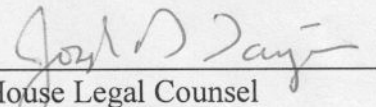
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