

Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Session, 2021

H. B. 22- 48

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend Public Law 21-35, "To make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for government corporations for Fiscal Year 2021"; and for other purposes.

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

1 **Section 1. Findings.** The Legislature finds that Governor's
2 Communication 21-164 states:

3 "Schedule A.

4 Below lists the items that I have chosen to line item veto and includes
5 reasons for these actions. With these vetoes, there now exists additional funding in
6 the amount of \$368,934 for appropriation.

Activity/Function	NOP	Personnel	All Others	Utilities	Total
Environmental Quality, Tinian	0	0	\$8,001	0	\$8,001
Micronesian Legal Service	0	0	\$100,000	0	\$100,000
NMTI	0	0	\$260,933	0	\$260,933
TOTAL			\$368,934	0	\$368,934

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8 Line Item Veto Explanations

1 1) The Environmental Quality, Tinian is a federally funded program for
2 which all activities are carried by the program;

3 2) The Micronesian Legal Services is a non-profit organization for which
4 as I have previously indicated in my April budget submission, cannot be funded
5 through the Fiscal Year 2021 budget appropriation;

6 3) Although the Northern Marianas Technical Institute (formerly the
7 Northern Marianas Trades Institute) is now a public entity, no accounts for NOPs
8 were allocated for the agency for FY 2021 as the agency's transitionary period has
9 not been completed and no transition report has been submitted to the Executive
10 and Legislative branches as required by Public Law 20-92."

11 The purpose of this Act is to amend Public Law 21-35 and Schedule A to
12 re-appropriate \$368,934 that the Governor line item vetoed. Funds will be re-
13 appropriated to the CNMI Medicaid Office in the amount of \$50,000 to cover the
14 10% CNMI match to fund an additional 13 NOP's; a total of \$100,000 will be
15 allotted to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation specifically for 1) \$50,000
16 for Rota inter-island medical referral stipends for patients and escorts and 2)
17 \$50,000 for Tinian inter-island medical referral stipends for patients and escorts;
18 and the remaining amount of \$218,934 shall be appropriated to the CNMI Medical
19 Referral Office. In addition, on March 30, 2021, the Chairman and Interim CEO
20 of the Northern Marianas Technical Institute requested that the Legislature
21 expeditiously allocate the Technical Institute with the required amount of NOP's

1 necessary to commence their operations and fulfill their responsibilities under the
2 Career and Technical Training Act. Therefore, a total of 10 NOP's will be allotted
3 to NMTI for the following positions, Chief Executive Officer; Human Resource
4 Manager; Finance Department-Fiscal Specialist; Finance Department-Accountant;
5 Facilities Maintenance; Administrative Specialist; Director of Instruction;
6 Community Outreach Coordinator; Curriculum Coordinator; and Student Services
7 Coordinator.

8 **Section 2. Amendments.** Independent Programs in Schedule A of Public
9 Law 21-35 specifically the Medicaid Agency and the CNMI Medical Referral-
10 Services, is hereby amended as reflected in the attached amended Schedule A.

11 **Section 3. Amendments.** Other Programs in Schedule A of Public Law 21-
12 35 specifically the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHC Subsidy) and the
13 Northern Marianas Technical Institute, is hereby amended as reflected in the
14 attached amended Schedule A.

15 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of
16 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court
17 of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its
18 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid
19 shall not be affected thereby.

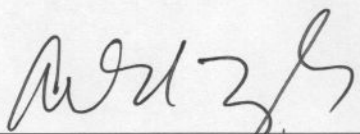
20 **Section 5. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein
21 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or

1 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted
2 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
3 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have
4 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal,
5 which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

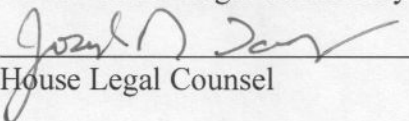
6 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by
7 the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

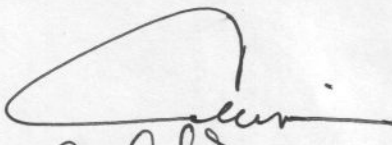
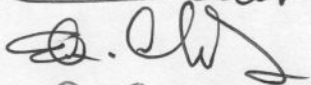

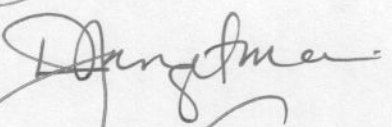

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CNMI GOVERNMENT
SCHEDULE A

Activity/Function	BU	NOP	NOP	PERSONNEL	PERSONNEL	OPERATIONS	OPERATIONS	UTILITIES	TOTAL	TOTAL
Ayuda Network	1562	0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
Domestic Violence	1568	0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
Marianas Bound-Karidat	1577	0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
25% Retirees' Pension Benefits	New	0		\$1		\$0		\$0		\$1
Joeten/Kiyu Public Library	1592	15		\$217,842		\$2,616		\$43,752		\$264,210
NMIRF-Gov/Lt. Gov. Pension	1601	0		\$99,325		\$993		\$0		\$100,318
Judgment against Government	1623	0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
Medicaid Reimbursement	1951	0		\$0		\$4,630,222		\$0		\$4,630,222
Medical Referral-Services	1979	0		\$0		\$1,264,289	<u>\$1,483,223</u>	\$0		\$1,264,289 <u>\$1,483,223</u>
Medical Referral-Admin	1979A	26		\$795,058		\$93,992		\$10,480		\$899,530
Medicaid Agency	1980	13	<u>26</u>	\$186,140	<u>\$236,140</u>	\$1,861		\$0		\$188,001 <u>\$238,001</u>
NMI Museum of History and Culture	3661	4		\$108,574		\$1,086		\$0		\$109,660
La Fiesta Lease	1532	0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
Commonwealth Cancer Association	N/A	0		\$0		\$50,000		\$0		\$50,000
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation	N/A	0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
Comm. Advocates Rec. Eff (CARE)	N/A	0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
Workman's Compensation Insurance	N/A	0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
NMPASI	N/A	0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
Compliance and Medicaid Enterprise System	NEW	0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
General Fund Deficit Reduction	1595									
Total Independent Programs	123	<u>136</u>		\$11,617,837	<u>\$11,667,837</u>	\$7,118,534	<u>\$7,337,468</u>	\$75,232		\$18,811,603 <u>\$19,080,537</u>
Other Programs: (Transfers Out to Agencies)										
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHC Subsidy)	1507	0		\$0		\$86,659	<u>\$186,659</u>	\$0		\$86,659 <u>\$186,659</u>
CHCC Medical Referral	NEW	0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
Northern Marianas College (NMC)	1605	149		\$0		\$3,031,510		\$0		\$3,031,510
NMC Board of Regents	1627	0		\$0		\$51,158		\$0		\$51,158
Marianas Visitor's Authority	1606	41		\$526,181		\$1,671,230		\$0		\$2,197,411
Public School System	1607	868		\$0		\$24,117,582		\$0		\$24,117,582
PSS Board	1624	5		\$0		\$153,131		\$0		\$153,131
Coalition of Private Schools	N/A	0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
Micronesian Legal Services	1580	0		\$0		\$100,000		\$0		\$100,000
NMTI	New	0	<u>10</u>	\$0		\$260,933		\$0		\$260,933
Total Other Programs	1,063	<u>1,073</u>		\$526,181		\$29,472,203	<u>\$29,211,270</u>	\$0		\$29,998,384 <u>\$29,737,451</u>
General Fund Grand Total	3,191	<u>3,214</u>		\$50,792,497	<u>\$50,842,497</u>	\$44,234,781	<u>\$44,184,781</u>	\$1,448,775		\$96,476,053
Department of Public Lands	1950	141		\$3,509,433		\$968,931		\$77,800		\$4,556,164
General Fund Grand total with DPL	3,232	<u>3,355</u>		\$54,301,930	<u>\$54,351,930</u>	\$45,203,712	<u>\$45,153,712</u>	\$1,526,575		\$101,032,217