

TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Regular Session, 2023

H. B. 23-2

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To require the Department of Public Works to establish a solid waste transfer stations in Kagman and the southern portion of the Island of Saipan; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE 23RD NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purposes.** The Solid Waste Management Act
2 provides “It is declared to be the public policy of the Commonwealth of the
3 Northern Mariana Islands and the purpose of this chapter to provide for collection,
4 disposal, and management systems for solid waste that will protect the health,
5 safety, and welfare of the public and the environment of the Commonwealth.”
6 Large amounts of trash is being deposited in illegal dumps and along the roadside
7 in Kagman and the southern part of the island of Saipan. The Legislature believes
8 that a large part of this illegal dumping could be alleviated if there was an accessible
9 transfer stations in Kagman and the southern part of Saipan. The purpose of this
10 bill is to direct the Director of Public Works to establish a transfer station in
11 Kagman and on the southern part of Saipan. The Solid Waste Management
12 Revolving Fund receives 10% of all Excise Taxes collected by the Commonwealth.

1 This fund can be used for the design, permitting and construction of the new transfer
2 stations.

3 **Section 2. Enactment.** The following is hereby enacted:

4 “Transfer station – Kagman and Southern Saipan. The Secretary of the
5 Department of Public Works is directed to design and construct a transfer station,
6 as defined in 2 CMC §3513(1), in Kagman and the southern part of the Island of
7 Saipan.”

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


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15 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted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

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

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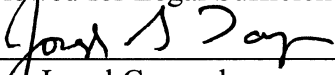
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Introduced by:


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