

**TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**

**LEGISLATURE**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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Session, 2023

H. B. 23- 21

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

To amend the compensation of the CNMI Cannabis Commission members.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE 23<sup>RD</sup> NORTHERN MARIANAS  
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1           **Section 1. Findings.** The Legislature finds that the compensation of the  
2 CNMI Cannabis Commission exceeds that of many other instrumentalities of the  
3 Commonwealth government. An identical Act has been introduced in the Senate  
4 to amend the compensation of the Commonwealth Casino Commission.

5           The Legislature, therefore, finds it necessary to bring the compensation of  
6 the CNMI Cannabis Commission members in line with other public boards and  
7 commissions.

8           **Section 2. Amendment.** 4 CMC §53007(g) is hereby amended to read as  
9 follows:

10           “(g) Compensation. The Commission shall be a ~~working~~  
11 ~~compensated pursuant to 1 CMC § 8247 at the rate of \$55,000 per annum;~~  
12 ~~excused by the Chairperson of the Commission; provided further that if a~~

1           ~~Commissioner fails to attend three scheduled meetings without excuse, his~~  
2           ~~or her salary shall be reduced and prorated accordingly.~~ All travel will be  
3           subject to 1 CMC § 7407.”

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

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11          acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted  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

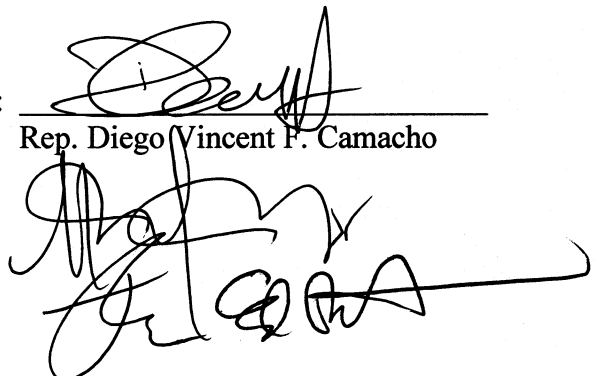
16          **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by  
17          the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

Prefiled: 3/3/2023

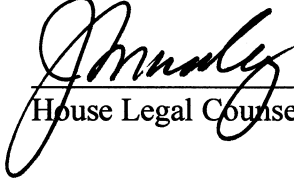
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_

Rep. Diego Vincent F. Camacho



Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

 3-2-23  
House Legal Counsel