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TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 28, 2023

Third Spec Regular Session, 2023

H. B. 27-60

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To re-appropriate funds under Section 2(g) of Public Law 20-62 for the Health Network Program (HNP); and for other purposes.

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

- 1 **Section 1. Findings and purpose.** The Legislature finds that the Office of
2 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) under the Executive Branch has identified
3 funds for the architectural and engineering design, and construction of a solid waste
4 transfer station for the southern part of Saipan. The Legislature further finds that
5 Section 2(g) of Public Law 20-62 appropriated One Million Eighty-Five Thousand
6 Dollars (\$1,085,000.00) for the exact same project.
- 7 Additionally, the Legislature finds that the Health Network Program (HNP)
8 under the Commonwealth Health Care Corporation (CHCC) is in dire need of
9 additional funds to assist patients from the Commonwealth seeking medical
10 assistance/treatment outside of the Commonwealth. The Legislature finds that it is
11 imperative that the House, Senate and the Administration work harmoniously to

1 find funds to assist the HNP and CHCC to continue these services for the people of
2 the Commonwealth in their medical needs outside of the Commonwealth.

3 Therefore, the intent of this Act is to reappropriate One Million Eighty-Five
4 Thousand Dollars (\$1,085,000.00) from Section 2(g) of Public Law 20-62 for the
5 Health Network Program.

6 **Section 2. Reappropriation.** Notwithstanding any laws, statutes, rules or
7 regulations to the contrary the Legislature hereby reappropriates One Million
8 Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,085,000.00) from Section 2(g) of Public Law
9 20-62 for the Health Network Program for but not limited for travel, housing and
10 transportation expenses. Provided however that Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars
11 (\$85,000.00) shall be reserved for inter-island medical referrals. Expenditure
12 authority of the funds under Section 2 of this Act shall be the Chief Executive
13 Officer (CEO) of the Commonwealth Health Care Corporation (CHCC).

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

19 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein
20 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or
21 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted

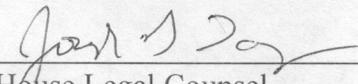
1 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
2 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have
3 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal,
4 which shall already be in existence on the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

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

Prefiled: 6/28/2023

Date: _____ Introduced by: 
Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:


House Legal Counsel

