

TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

December 14, 2023

Sec. Regular Session, 2023

H. B. 23- 89

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To appropriate Three Hundred Eighty Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$380,529.33) generated under 4 CMC §53036; and for other purposes.

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

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that pursuant to
2 4 CMC §53036, the Commonwealth Cannabis Commission is able to assess
3 different types of license fees and application fees. However, pursuant to
4 subsection (g) of the specified statute, such fees shall be placed in an account
5 separate from the general fund to pay the expenses necessary for the operation on
6 the Commission subject to appropriation by the legislature. Such account is under
7 the expenditure authority of the Chairman of the Commission or his/her designee.
8 Cognizant of the Commission's urgent need for funds, the Legislature finds that it
9 is pertinent to exercise their power to appropriate those funds to allow for the
10 Commission to continue their day-to-day operations in regulating the
11 Commonwealth's Cannabis Industry.

1 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate Three Hundred Eighty
2 Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents
3 (\$380,529.33) generated under 4 CMC §53036 and for other purposes.

4 **Section 2. Appropriation.** Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws
5 or regulations to the contrary, Three Hundred Eighty Thousand, Five Hundred
6 Twenty-Nine Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$380,529.33) generated under 4
7 CMC §53036, specifically under Business Unit/Department Code 1501B and
8 Business Unit/Department Code 1501S, is hereby appropriated to the
9 Commonwealth Cannabis Commission for their operations/personnel.

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

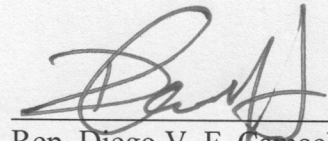
15 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein
16 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or
17 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted
18 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act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

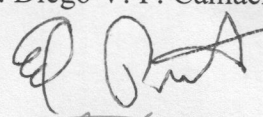
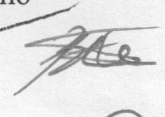
1 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect 180 days after its
2 approval by the Governor or becoming law without such approval.

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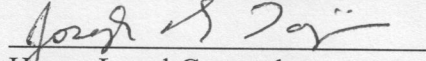
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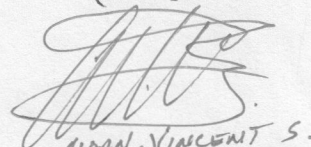
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