

**TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**  
**LEGISLATURE**  
**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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SESSION, 2019

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**A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT**  
**FOR THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, codified as 10 CMC §3511.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION**  
**PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE**  
**COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1   **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2           This Act may be cited as the Saipan Adult Gambling Machine Business  
3   Zoning Consolidation and Concentration Act of 2018.

4   **SECTION 2. FINDINGS.**

5           The Saipan Adult Gambling Machine Business Zoning Law of 2013  
6   imposed important and necessary restrictions upon the operation of Adult  
7   Gambling Machine Businesses on Saipan. Accordingly, Adult Gambling Machine  
8   Businesses may no longer legally operate in our residential villages. This ban  
9   became effective on October 25, 2017. However, one or more Adult Gambling  
10   Machine Businesses have faced difficulty finding suitable space in permissible

1 areas of Saipan’s Tourist Resort, Mixed Commercial, Garapan Core, Garapan East,  
2 or Beach Road Zoning Districts due in part to the restriction found in Section 612(b)  
3 of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013 that Adult Gambling Machine Businesses must  
4 be located at least 200 feet from any other Adult Gambling Machine Business. The  
5 Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation finds that one of the purposes  
6 of the Saipan Adult Gambling Machine Business Zoning Law of 2018 was to  
7 prevent the concentration of adult businesses from family-oriented uses and to  
8 provide for the socially and commercially acceptable location of Adult Gambling  
9 Machine Businesses.

10 **SECTION 3. PURPOSE.**

11 The purpose of this Act is to reduce the impediment for Adult Gambling  
12 Machine Businesses to move from the residential villages by allowing multiple  
13 Adult Gambling Machine Businesses to co-locate in the same establishment, and  
14 to allow Adult Gambling Machine Businesses to concentrate in the designated areas  
15 approved for their operation.

16 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.**

17 Article 6, Section 612 (b)(1) of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, as amended  
18 by Saipan Local Law Nos. 18-05, 19-04, 20-12, and 20-21 is hereby amended as  
19 follows:

20 “(b) An adult gambling machine business shall only be located:

1           Within the Tourist Resort and Mixed Commercial districts on lots  
2           abutting or west of Beach Road and Chalan Thomas Sablan from Afetna  
3           Road to Chalan Msgr. Guerrero and on lots abutting or west of Chalan Pale  
4           Arnold from Chalan Msgr. Guerrero to Orchid Street., as well as in the  
5           Garapan Core, Garapan East, and Beach Road zoning districts, if the  
6           business is located no less than 200 feet away from a church, laundromat,  
7           public or private school, park, or playground, ~~or other adult gambling~~  
8           ~~machine business; or”~~

9           **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.**

10           Article 12, Section 1210 (b) of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, is hereby  
11           amended as follows:

12           "(b) Within four years of the effective date of this Law, at the end of  
13           the last full renewal period of its license from the Department of Finance  
14           prior to the deadline, all nonconforming adult gambling machine businesses  
15           shall be located in the ~~Adult Business Park~~, Tourist Resort, Mixed  
16           Commercial, Garapan Core, Garapan East, or Beach Road Zoning Districts,  
17           in accordance with Section 612(b), so long as the establishment is located  
18           200 feet from any ~~other adult gambling machine business~~, and any church,  
19           Laundromat, public ~~and~~ or private school, park or playground. No  
20           restriction set forth in any other Article or Section of this law shall be  
21           construed to prevent two or more adult gambling machine businesses from

1           operating out of the same building, unit, or establishment, provided that all  
2           other requirements of this law are met and complied with.”

3   **SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.**

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

9   **SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

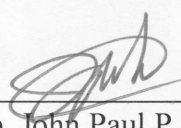
10           This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as  
11   affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes  
12   repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.  
13   Repealers contained in this Act shall not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

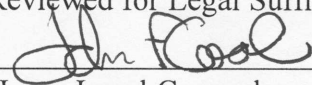
17   **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**


18           This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming  
19   law without such approval.

Prefiled: 3/28/19

Date: 3/28/19

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