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

To appropriate \$1,962,001.00 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended for Fiscal Year 2019; and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate local funds from the revenues  
3 collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 (poker fees) for Fiscal Year 2019.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

5           Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to  
6 the contrary and pursuant to funds allocated under Public Law 20-10 the Saipan  
7 and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates  
8 \$1,962,001.00 of the revenues collected for fiscal year 2019 pursuant to Saipan  
9 Local Law 11-2 as amended as follows:

10           (A) \$750,001.00 to Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance  
11 (SHEFA), provided however that \$250,000 of the \$750,001.00 shall be reserved

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1 for SHEFA personnel and operations, the expenditure authority under 2(A) shall  
2 be the SHEFA Board Chairperson in concurrence with the SHEFA Board.

3 (B) \$1,212,000.00 shall be allocated as follows:

4 (1) \$10,000.00 for the Saipan Little League;

5 (2) \$180,000.00 for the Saipan Zoning Office for the its operations  
6 and for the procurement of a vehicle; expenditure authority shall be the  
7 Administrator of the Saipan Zoning Office or his/her designee in  
8 consultation with the Board;

9 (3) \$400,000.00 for the Office of the Mayor of for its operations  
10 inclusive of the purchase of a 10 CY Truck and new vehicle and the  
11 payment of arears, the expenditure authority shall be the Mayor of Saipan  
12 or his/her designee;

13 (4) \$83,000.00 for the Office of the Mayor of the Northern Islands  
14 for its operations, expenditure authority shall be the Mayor of the Northern  
15 Islands or his/her designee;

16 (5) \$39,000.00 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal  
17 Council for the purchase of a vehicle, expenditure authority shall be the  
18 Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council or  
19 his/her designee; and

20 (6) \$500,000.00 for the Northern Marianas College for its  
21 personnel cost for employees from the Third Senatorial District,

1 expenditure authority shall be the President of the Northern Marianas  
2 College or his/her designee.

3 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

4 The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2 unless specified of  
5 this Act shall be the Secretary of Finance.

6 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

7 Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other  
8 purpose and notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under  
9 this Act shall be without fiscal year limitation.

10 **SECTION 5. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

11 (A) The Secretary of Finance shall regulate and control the expenditure of  
12 the funds appropriated by this Act to ensure that appropriated funds are not  
13 expended contrary to the law, fiscal management policies, and practices of the  
14 Commonwealth.

15 **SECTION 6. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

16 Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be  
17 responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance  
18 by the end of the 2019 calendar year. Provided further that failure to provide all  
19 expenses entities that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail  
20 to any future funds appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative  
21 Delegation.

1 **SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.**

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

7 **SECTION 8. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

15 **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Prefiled: June 24, 2019

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

Introduced By: \_\_\_\_\_

Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Altano

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