### **TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**

#### LEGISLATURE

# IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SESSION, 2019

H. L. B. 21- **37** 

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

To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013 to rezone lots # 004 G 43, 004 G 44, 004 G 24, 004 G 23, and 004 G 22 from "Agricultural" to "Rural".

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

#### 1 SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

2 The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation find that it is 3 appropriate to rezone certain districts that the Commonwealth Zoning Board has recommended for rezoning pursuant to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative 4 5 Delegation Resolution No. 16-2, D1, entitled "To affirm the authority of the Saipan Zoning Board under the Commonwealth Zoning Code to make determinations on 6 zoning district boundary changes." The Commonwealth Zoning Board has held a 7 public hearing with respect to the district rezones listed below and has transmitted 8 its recommendations, based on the evidence presented at the hearing, to the 9

Delegation. The Delegation agrees that rezoning these areas is in the best interests
 of the community.

### **3 SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.**

This Act amends the Official Saipan Zoning Map, dated July 15, 2013 of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013. The amended sheet, listed below showing the rezoned district, is attached hereto and replaces the prior version of this sheet as part of the appendix to the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013:

8 Saipan Official Zoning Map Sheet 18 of 29: Lots # 004 G 43, 004 G 44,
9 004 G 24, 004 G 23, and 004 G 22 from "Agricultural (AG)" zoning district to
10 "Rural (R)" zoning district.

## 11 SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

12 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any 13 person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, 14 the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or 15 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected 16 thereby.

#### 17 SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

18 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as 19 affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes 20 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. 21 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or

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

#### 4 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming 6 law without such approval.

Prefiled: <u>///9/19</u> Date: <u>///9/19</u> Introduced by:

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by: House Legal Counsel

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