

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

\_\_\_\_\_, 2020

H. L. B. 21-~~48~~

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

To appropriate funds specifically allotted to the Third Senatorial District under Public Law No. 20-59; 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 Delegation finds that Public Law 20-59 reserved revenues from the  
3 licensing of amusement machines within the Commonwealth of the Northern  
4 Mariana Islands to pay back the Third Senatorial District for Within Grade Increase  
5 (WGI) obligations of the Central Government to its civil service employees. The  
6 Delegation further finds that the Central Government has already fulfilled its  
7 obligation to the Second Senatorial District.

8           Furthermore, the Delegation finds that the COVID-19 pandemic has greatly  
9 affected the government's ability to provide essential services in addition to  
10 employees of both the private and public sectors temporarily losing their jobs. The

1 Delegation additionally finds that many families are having a difficult time meeting  
2 their obligations such as rental agreements. The Delegation finds that it is  
3 imperative that it takes additional measures to assist its residents in these tough  
4 times. The Delegation is cognizant of the fact that monies will be coming in from  
5 the federal government but the Delegation believes that with the limited funds we  
6 may have we need to take action in helping the residents of the Third Senatorial  
7 District at the soonest until federal aid is available.

8 Therefore, the intent of this Act is to appropriate the funds allocated to the  
9 Third Senatorial District under Public Law No. 20-59.

10 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

11 Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws or regulations to the  
12 contrary, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation hereby  
13 appropriated One Million, Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty Dollars  
14 (\$1,008,630 USD) of the funds allotted to the Third Senatorial District under Public  
15 Law No. 20-59 as follows;

16 (1) \$100,000.00 to Karidat to assist with its pan tree distribution for the  
17 Residents of the Third Senatorial District;

18 (2) \$208,630.00 to the Northern Marianas College (NMC) for the Third  
19 Senatorial District; expenditure authority shall be the President of NMC  
20 or his/her designee;

1 (3) \$400,000.00 to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation  
2 (SNILD); expenditure authority shall be the Chairman of the Delegation  
3 or his/her designee; and

4 (4) \$300,000.00 to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)  
5 to assist tenants and/or home loan program(s) within the Third  
6 Senatorial District, provided that up to fifteen percent shall be reserved  
7 for administrative cost associated with the implementation of this  
8 program; expenditure authority shall be the Corporate Director of  
9 NMHC of his/her designee.

10 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMING.**

11 Notwithstanding any laws, provisions or regulations to the contrary, funds  
12 appropriated under this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose.

13 **SECTION 3. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

14 The funds appropriated under Section 2 of this Act shall be transferred into  
15 specific accounts. The Secretary of Finance shall regulate and control the funds  
16 appropriated under this Act so that no activity may spend contrary to this Act or  
17 fiscal management policies of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.  
18 Furthermore, unless specified in Section 2 of this Act the Secretary of the  
19 Department of Finance shall be the expenditure authority of the funds.

20 **SECTION 4. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

21 Unless specified in this Act the expenditure authority of the funds allocated under

1 Section 2 of this Act shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance. Provided  
2 further that the expenditure authorities under Sections 2 and 4 of this Act shall  
3 provide the Secretary of Finance and the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern  
4 Islands Legislative Delegation or their respective designees of the expended funds  
5 on a monthly basis. Failure to provide the Secretary of Finance and the Chairperson  
6 of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation or their respective  
7 designees of the expenditures shall result of a seize of the distribution of any funds  
8 under this Act and any other future funds appropriated to the respective entities  
9 until all information is submitted to the Secretary of Finance and the Chairperson  
10 of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

11 **SECTION 5. FISCAL YEAR.**

12 The funds appropriated under this Act shall be appropriated without fiscal  
13 year limitation(s).

14 **SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.**

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

20 **SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

21 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as

1 affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes  
2 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.  
3 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or  
4 pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of  
5 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall  
6 already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

7 **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

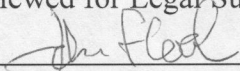
8 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming  
9 law without such approval.

Prefiled: 5/17/2020

Date: 5/18/2020

Introduced by: /s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

  
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