

TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SESSION, 2021

H. L. B. 22-15

A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT

To prohibit the hunting of Micronesia Starling or *Paluman Sali* on Tinian until the Year 2026 and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2 The Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation finds that the protection
3 of the Micronesian Starling or *Aplonis opaca guami*, also known as *Paluman Sali* or
4 *Sali* is important to the current and future generations of the Tinian residents. It is
5 common knowledge that the *Paluman Sali* is the primary seed disperser of the
6 world-famous Tinian Hot Pepper or *Donni Sali*. Indeed, gut-passed hot pepper
7 seeds emerge sooner and at a higher proportion than seeds from whole hot peppers.
8 Therefore, in an effort to assure the abundance of *Donni Sali* on Tinian, this act
9 aims to prohibit the hunting of *Paluman Sali* in the Senatorial District of Tinian and
10 Aguiguan until 2026.

1 The Delegation further finds that 1 CMC section 1402, et. seq., defines local
2 bill as one that pertains exclusively to matters within one senatorial district and
3 specifically lists the conservation of birds, so long as it is more restrictive than the
4 Commonwealth-wide laws or regulations.

5 Therefore, it is the purpose of this local bill to prohibit the hunting of the
6 *Sali* on the island of Tinian and to charge the Resident Department Head of the
7 Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Tinian with the implementation and
8 enforcement of such prohibition.

9 **SECTION 2. PROHIBITION.**

10 From the date this law is enacted to January 01, 2026, all persons are
11 prohibited from hunting the Micronesian Starling or *Paluman Sali* within the
12 Senatorial District of Tinian and Aguiguan.

13 **SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT.**

14 The Resident Director of the Tinian Department of Lands and Natural
15 Resources, in consultation with the Chief of Fish and Wildlife, is hereby charged
16 with enforcement of this Local Act.

17 **SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.**

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

1 thereby.

2 **SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

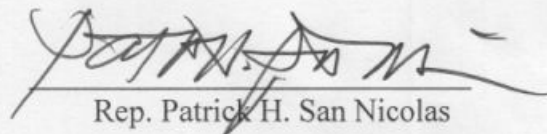
10 **SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

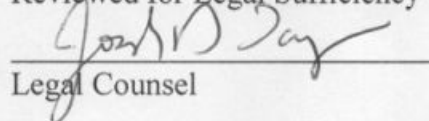
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