

*Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature*

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

To appropriate \$4,000,000.00 from fees collected pursuant to Public Law 20-10; 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 funds from the fees collected  
3 pursuant to Public Law 20-10 (Casino License Fee).

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

5           Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to  
6 the contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the  
7 Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates  
8 \$4,000,000.00 of the fees collected pursuant to Public Law 20-10 as follows:

9           (A) \$500,000.00 to Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance  
10 (SHEFA), expenditure authority under 2(A) shall be the SHEFA Board  
11 Chairperson in concurrence with the SHEFA Board;

1           (B) \$3,500,000.00 shall be allocated to various programs, projects and  
2 activities of the Third Senatorial District.

3   **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

4           The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2 unless specified in  
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 2022 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.**

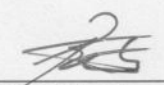
8 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as  
9 affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes  
10 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.  
11 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding 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.**

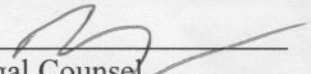
16 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its  
17 becoming law without such approval.

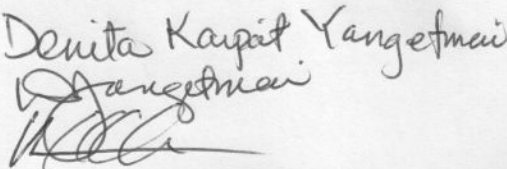
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