

Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 14, 2022

1st Special

SESSION, 2022.

H. L. B. 22- 31

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

To appropriate un-obligated funds under Saipan Local Law 22-10 (\$430,000.00) 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 Delegation finds that Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres line item vetoed
3 House Local Bill 22-27, S1 D1 on April 14, 2022 un-obligating funds that had
4 been appropriated to the Saipan Mayors Office and for the ongoing Kagman
5 Watershed Project. Therefore, the intent of this Act is to appropriate un-obligated
6 funds under Saipan Local Law 22-10 (\$430,000.00) from the fees collected
7 pursuant to Public Law 20-10 (Casino License Fee).

8 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

9 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to
10 the contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the

1 Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates
2 \$430,000.00 of un-obligated funds under Saipan Local Law 22-10 as follows:

3 A) \$350,000.00 For the Mayor of Saipan for its operations, expenditure of
4 the funds under 2(A) shall be the Mayor of Saipan or his/her designee; and

5 B) \$80,000.00 for the ongoing Kagman Watershed project, expenditure of
6 the funds under 2(B) shall be the Secretary of the Department of Lands and
7 Natural Resources or his/her designee.

8 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

9 The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2 unless specified in
10 this Act shall be the Secretary of Finance.

11 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

15 **SECTION 5. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

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

20 **SECTION 6. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

21 Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be

1 responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance
2 by the end of the 2022 calendar year. Provided further that failure to provide all
3 expenses entities that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail
4 to any future funds appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative
5 Delegation.

6 **SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.**

7 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any
8 person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
9 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to
10 persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be
11 affected thereby.

12 **SECTION 8. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

20 **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its

1 becoming law without such approval.

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