

Twenty-Third 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 \$1,932,000.00 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended; 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 local funds from the revenues
3 collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 (poker fees).

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 \$1,932,000.00 of the revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as
9 amended as follows:

10 (A) \$1,547,000.00 to Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance
11 (SHEFA), provided however that \$250,000 of the \$1,547,000.00 shall be reserved

1 for SHEFA personnel and operations, the expenditure authority under 2(A) shall
2 be the SHEFA Board Chairperson in concurrence with the SHEFA Board.

3 (B) \$385,000.00 shall be allocated as follows:

4 (1) \$100,000.00 for the Saipan Mayors Office for personnel and/or
5 operations, expenditure authority shall be the Mayor of Saipan or his/her
6 designee;

7 (2) \$50,000.00 for the Northern Islands Mayors Office personnel
8 and/or operations, expenditure authority shall be the Mayor of the
9 Northern Islands or his/her designee;

10 (3) \$50,000.00 for the Saipan Humane Society Inc., expenditure
11 authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her
12 designee;

13 (4) \$50,000.00 for the Attorney General's Office (for its criminal
14 division), expenditure authority shall be the
15 Attorney General or his/her designee;

16 (5) \$75,000.00 for the Saipan Zoning Office, expenditure authority
17 shall be the Director of the Saipan Zoning Office or his/her designee;

18 (6) 60,000.00 for the Department of Corrections (DOC) (for the
19 rehab and upgrade of the Juvenile Detention section at DOC), expenditure
20 authority shall be the Commissioner of Corrections or his/her designee;

1 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

5 **SECTION 4. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

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

10 **SECTION 5. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

11 Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be
12 responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance
13 by the end of the 2023 calendar year. Provided further that failure to provide all
14 expenses entities that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail
15 to any future funds appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative
16 Delegation.

17 **SECTION 6. 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
20 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to
21 persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be

1 affected thereby.

2 **SECTION 7. 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.

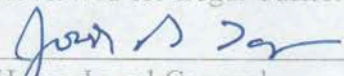
10 **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

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Introduced By: 
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