

TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SESSION, 2023

H. L. B. 27-32

A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT

To establish a refund program for the recycling of junk cars.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT

DELEGATION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF

THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Delegation finds that junk cars are
2 a nuisance and an eyesore. The recycling of junk cars helps to reduce pollution,
3 conserve natural resources, and the recycled materials can be used to create
4 innovative products. The CNMI should provide financial incentives for the
5 recycling of junk cars in the Third Senatorial District.

6 Therefore, the Delegation finds that it would be in the best interest of the
7 Commonwealth to establish a refund program for the recycling of junk cars.

8 **Section 2. Enactment.** Subject to codification by the CNMI Law Revision
9 Commission, the following is hereby enacted:

1 “**Section 101. Short Title.** This Act may be cited as the “Junk Car
2 Recycling Act of 2023.”

3 **Section 102. Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

4 (a) The term "Junk car" means a motor vehicle that is:

5 (1) Inoperable;

6 (2) Not registered;

7 (3) Abandoned on public or private property; or

8 (4) A nuisance.

9 (b) "Recycling" means the process of converting junk cars into new
10 products or materials.

11 (c) “Mayor’s Office” means the Saipan Mayor’s Office.

12 (d) “Mayor” means the Mayor of Saipan.

13 **Section 103. Refund Program.**

14 (a) The Mayor shall establish a refund program for the recycling of
15 junk cars.

16 (b) The refund program shall provide a refund of \$300 for each junk
17 car that is recycled.

18 (c) The refund shall be paid from a revolving account that is funded
19 by:

1 (1) 10 percent of the collected fees and penalties set aside for
2 the CNMI Department of Public Works pursuant to 9 CMC
3 § 2119.

4 **Section 104. Recycling of abandoned junk cars.**

5 (a) The Mayor's Office may, after 30 days after a junk car has been
6 cited for a zoning violation, tow the junk car away and recycle it.

7 (b) The Mayor's Office shall be responsible for the costs of towing
8 and recycling the junk car.

9 (c) The Mayor's Office may recover the costs of towing and
10 recycling the junk car from the owner of the junk car.

11 **Section 105. Regulations.**

12 The Mayor of Saipan may promulgate rules and regulations
13 necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section."

14 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of
15 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court
16 of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its
17 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid
18 shall not be affected thereby.

19 **Section 5. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall
20 not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired
21 under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the

1 statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted
2 under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect
3 of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability civil or criminal, which shall
4 already be in existence at the date this Act becomes effective.

5 **Section 6. Effective Date.** Once law, either upon approval by the Governor
6 or upon becoming law without such approval, this Act, shall take effect sixty (60)
7 days after regulations implementing the Act are promulgated by the Secretary of the
8 Department of Public Works.

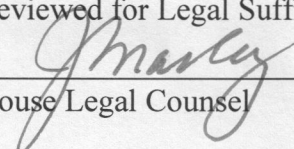
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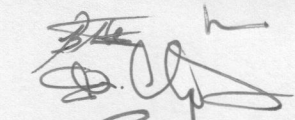
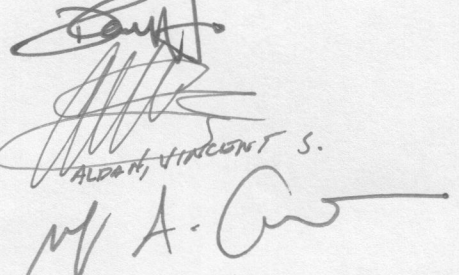
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