

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 \$500,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.

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 for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.

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 \$500,000.00 of the revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to
9 Public Law 20-59 as follows:

1 (A) \$200,000.00 to Commonwealth Health Care Corporation (CHCC) for
2 the Health Network Program (HNP), the expenditure authority under 2(A) shall
3 be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or his/her designee;

4 (B) \$150,000.00 for the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture,
5 expenditure authority under 2(B) shall be the Secretary of the Department of
6 Finance or his/her designee

7 (C) \$20,000.00 for the 10th Micronesian Games, expenditure authority
8 under 2(C) shall be the Secretary of Finance or his/her designee;

9 (D) \$65,000.00 for engines for the Department of Lands and Natural
10 Resources (DLNR), expenditure authority under 2(D) shall be the Secretary of the
11 Department of Lands and Natural Resources or his/her designee;

12 (E) \$25,000.00 for the Capital Hill baseball field upgrade (lights, fencing,
13 grounds, etc...), expenditure authority shall be the Director of the Division of
14 Parks and Recreation or his/her designee;

15 (F) \$20,000.00 for the Marianas March Against Cancer Association,
16 expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance or
17 his/her designee; and

18 (G) \$20,000.00 for the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance (MINA),
19 expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance or
20 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. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

6 Expenditure authorities of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act
7 shall be responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of
8 Finance and the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative
9 Delegation by the end of the 2024 calendar year. Provided further that failure to
10 provide all expenses, entities (Government, non-profits entities, etc... excluding
11 specific projects) that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail
12 to any future funds appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative
13 Delegation.

14 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

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

20 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

21 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as

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

7 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

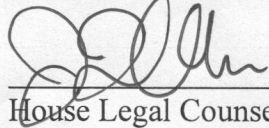
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