

**TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**

**LEGISLATURE**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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SESSION, 2024

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**A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT  
FOR THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To impose a 0.5% ad valorem local excise surtax for the privilege of first sale, use, manufacture, lease, or rental of construction materials by licensed construction contractors in the Second Senatorial District.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

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

**THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2           This act shall be cited as the “Second Senatorial District Local Excise  
3 Surtax of 2024.”

4 **SECTION 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

5           The Second Senatorial District Delegation finds that in addition to the  
6 CNMI Excise Tax on construction materials, it would be of great financial benefit  
7 to the Second Senatorial District to impose a 0.5% ad valorem local excise surtax  
8 for the privilege of first sale, use, manufacture, lease, or rental of construction  
9 materials by any licensed construction contractor conducting business within the

1 Second Senatorial District.

2 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to impose a 0.5% ad valorem local  
3 excise surtax for the privilege of first sale, use, manufacture, lease, or rental of  
4 construction materials by licensed construction contractors conducting business  
5 within the Second Senatorial District.

6 **SECTION 3. ENACTMENT.**

7 Notwithstanding any laws, rules or regulations to the contrary and subject  
8 to proper codification by the Commonwealth Law Revision Commission it is  
9 hereby enacted:

10 “101. Second Senatorial District Ad Valorem Local Excise Surtax on  
11 Construction Materials.

12 (a) There is hereby established a 0.5% ad valorem local excise  
13 surtax for the privilege of first sale, use, manufacture, lease, or  
14 rental of construction materials by licensed construction  
15 contractors in the Second Senatorial District.

16 (b) As used within this Section, “construction materials” shall have  
17 the same meaning as provided in 4 CMC § 1401(e), and  
18 “licensed construction contractors” shall have the same meaning  
19 as provided in 4 CMC § 5801(i).

20 (c) The Secretary of the Department of Finance shall create a special  
21 account to be known as the “Second Senatorial District Local

1 Excise Surtax Account.”

2 (d) The surtaxes collected under this Section shall be remitted to the  
3 Second Senatorial District Local Excise Surtax Account and  
4 shall be appropriated by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative  
5 Delegation.

6 (e) The Department of Finance shall enforce the provisions of this  
7 Section in accordance with the powers granted to it by law.”

8 **SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.**

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

14 **SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

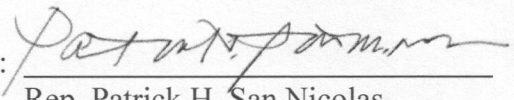
15 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as  
16 affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes  
17 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers  
18 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding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

1 **SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

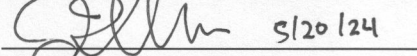
2           This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming  
3 law without such approval.

Prefiled: 5/22/2024

Date: 5/17/2024

Introduced by:   
Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

 5/20/24  
House Legal Counsel