

Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SESSION, 2024

H. L. B. 23-62

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

To appropriate \$2,500,000.00 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 \$2,500,000.00 of the revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as
9 amended as follows:

10 (A) \$1,650,000.00 to Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance
11 (SHEFA), provided however that \$250,000 of the \$1,650,000.00 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) \$850,000.00 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) \$30,000.00 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal
11 Council, expenditure authority shall be the Chairperson of the Saipan and
12 Northern Islands Municipal Council his/her designee;

13 (4) \$60,000.00 for the Cultural Heritage Month that should
14 distributed as follow:

15 (a) \$30,000.00 to the Indigenous Affairs Office,
16 expenditure authority shall be the Resident Executive Director or
17 his/her designee;

18 (b) \$30,000.00 to the Carolinian Affairs Office, expenditure
19 authority shall be the Chairperson of the Refaluwasch Advisory
20 Council or his/her designee;

- 1 (5) \$75,000.00 for the Saipan Zoning Office, expenditure authority
2 shall be the Director of the Saipan Zoning Office or his/her designee;
- 3 (6) \$15,000.00 for the FSM Independence Day Celebration,
4 expenditure authority shall be the President of the Ach Chuuk CNMI
5 Association or his/her designee;
- 6 (7) \$ 10,000.00 for the Northern Mariana Islands Basketball
7 Federation, expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department
8 of Finance or his/her designee;
- 9 (8) \$10,000.00 for the Marianas Racing Association, expenditure
10 authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her
11 designee;
- 12 (9) \$5,000.00 for the 38th Anniversary of the 13 Fishermen
13 Monument, expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department
14 of Finance or his/her designee;
- 15 (10) \$50,000.00 for payment of arrears to Hawaiian Rock Products,
16 expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance
17 or his/her designee;
- 18 (11) \$50,000.00 for the Center for Living Independently,
19 expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance
20 or his/her designee;

1 (12) \$50,000.00 for the Mariana Alliance of Non-Governmental
2 Organizations, expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the
3 Department of Finance or his/her designee;

4 (13) \$25,000.00 for the Office of Management and Budget for
5 capacity building, expenditure authority shall be the Special Assistant for
6 Management and Budget;

7 (14) \$20,000.00 for the Department of Fire and Emergency
8 Medical Services for the construction of a Tower and for the purchase of
9 equipment and supplies for the training of personnel; and

10 (15) \$300,000.00 for the Health Network Program (HNP),
11 expenditure authority shall be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the
12 Commonwealth Health Care Corporation (CHCC).

13 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

17 **SECTION 4. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

18 Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be
19 responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance
20 and the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
21 upon exhaustion of all funds allocated to each respective entity. Provided further

1 that failure to provide all expenses entities that were afforded funds under this Act
2 shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated by the Saipan and
3 Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

4 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

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

10 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

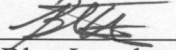
11 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as
12 affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
13 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.
14 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding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

18 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

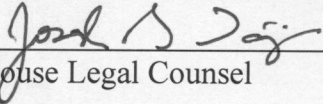
19 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its
20 becoming law without such approval.

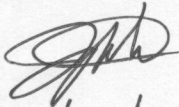
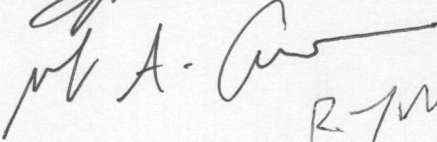
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