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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**H. L. B. 24-55**

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

To appropriate 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. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2           The Delegation finds that Typhoon Sinlaku caused widespread damage  
3 across the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), resulting in  
4 significant disruption to infrastructure, public services, housing and economic  
5 activity. The Delegation finds that Typhoon Sinlaku placed significant strain on  
6 residents, including but not limited to displacement of families and overcrowding  
7 in temporary shelters, increased health risks due to sanitation challenges and limited  
8 access to medical care, loss of income for workers and small business owners and  
9 psychological stress and trauma associated with the disaster. Given the magnitude  
10 of destruction and the limited fiscal capacity of the CNMI external funding  
11 assistance is necessary to ensure and equitable and timely recovery. The Delegation

1 finds that without such support, recovery efforts will be significantly delayed,  
2 prolonging hardship for residents and increasing long-term economic losses.

3       The Delegation further finds that Typhoon Sinlaku represents a major  
4 disaster with far-reaching consequences. The Delegation finds that immediate and  
5 sustained funding assistance is critical to restore essential services and rebuild  
6 communities. Furthermore, the Delegation finds that strategic investment at this  
7 stage will not accelerate recovery but the funding assistance will reduce  
8 vulnerability, protect lives and livelihoods in the immediate future.

9       Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate local funds from the  
10 revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.

11 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

12       Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the  
13 contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the Saipan  
14 and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates  
15 \$500,000.00 of the revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to  
16 Public Law 20-59 as follows:

17       (A) \$100,000.00 for the Saipan Mayors Office for disaster recovery due to  
18 the extra ordinary circumstances caused by Typhoon Sinlaku (funds  
19 maybe utilized for limited term hiring) expenditure authority shall be  
20 the Mayor of Saipan or his/her designee;

1 (B) \$50,000.00 for the Northern Islands Mayors Office (NIMO) for disaster  
2 recovery due to the extra ordinary circumstances caused by Typhoon  
3 Sinlaku (funds may be utilized for limited term hiring) expenditure  
4 authority shall be Mayor of Northern Islands or his/her designee;

5 (C) \$350,000.00 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Delegation for disaster  
6 recovery due to the extra ordinary circumstances caused by Typhoon  
7 Sinlaku (funds under Section 2 (C) shall not be utilized for any new  
8 hiring, provided however that these funds shall be utilized for but not  
9 limited to food distribution for the CNMI with prioritizing the Third  
10 Senatorial District);

11 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

15 **SECTION 4. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

16 Expenditure authorities of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act  
17 shall be responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of  
18 Finance and the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative  
19 Delegation when funds are fully exhausted.

20 Provided further, that recipients under Sections 2(A) and (B) shall follow  
21 the FEMA Incident Command System (ICS) reporting procedures through the

1 CNMI Homeland Security Emergency Management/Emergency Center (EOC).  
2 Furthermore, any funds appropriated under Sections 2(A) and (B) shall be deemed  
3 reimbursable by FEMA and/or EOC or both. Reimbursed funds shall be remitted  
4 to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for appropriation  
5 purpose(s).

6 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

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

12 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

20 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21         This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming

1 law without such approval.

Prefiled: 4/18/2026

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