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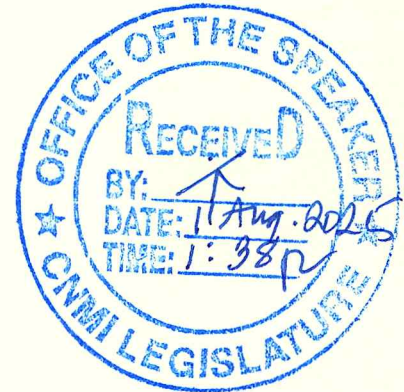
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
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The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan  
Chairman  
Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation  
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950



The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez  
Speaker  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 24-15**, entitled "To appropriate revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.", which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Public Law 20-59 repealed and reenacted 4 CMC § 1508 such that the first \$11,300,000.00 of revenues generated from amusement machine licensing under 4 CMC § 1503(a)(2) and (a)(5) would "be deposited into the Third Senatorial District Delegation account and made available for appropriation by the Third Senatorial District Delegation." As then envisioned, those moneys were to be used to fund adjustments in the salary scale for government employees enacted by Public Law 07-31.

Following the first \$11,300,000.00, subsequent revenues generated by poker and pachinko machine licenses pursuant to 4 CMC § 1503(a)(2) and (a)(5) were to be deposited "in a separate trust account in the General Fund to be known as the 'Capital Building Trust Fund.'" These moneys would thus be Commonwealth-wide funds and not subject to appropriation by the SNILD.

As a subsequent enactment, House Local Bill No. 24-15 contains a clause providing that it is enacted "[n]otwithstanding any provision(s) of law . . . to the contrary," such that it frees funds the provided for in Public Law 20-59 from restrictions in that legislation.

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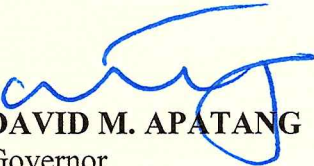
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I caution, however, that the current account for 4 CMC § 1503(a)(2) and (a)(5) was opened in Fiscal Year 2021, whereas Public Law 20-59 was enacted in 2018, such that it is difficult to readily ascertain whether the \$11,300,000.00 threshold was met.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 24-09**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,



**DAVID M. APATANG**  
Governor

cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision Commission;  
Public Auditor; Secretary of Finance; Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of the Northern Islands;  
Acting Special Assistant for Administration; Programs and Legislative Review



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2025**

**HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-15**

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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.

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**OFFERED BY**

Representatives Joel C. Camacho, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Angelo A. Camacho,  
John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez

**Introduced on June 11, 2025**

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**HOUSE ACTION**

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on  
**June 11, 2025**

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**DELEGATION ACTION**

<b>Referred to:</b>	None
<b>Comments Solicited:</b>	6/12/25 Mayor of Saipan [Del. Matters 24-30] Mayor of Northern Islands [Del. Matters 24-31] 18 <sup>th</sup> SNIMC [Del. Matters 24-32]
<b>Comments Received:</b>	6/18/25 Mayor of Saipan commented on Public Comments
<b>Standing Committee Report:</b>	None
<b>Passed First &amp; Final Reading:</b>	July 22, 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frances", is written over a horizontal line.

**Frances Joan P. Kaipat  
Delegation Clerk**





**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**THIRD SPECIAL SESSION, 2025**

**H. L. B. NO. 24-15**

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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:**

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

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

**SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates \$230,000.00 of the revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59 as follows:

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1 (A) \$150,000.00 to support the operations of the Pacific Behavior Center for healthcare and  
2 mental health services that are made equally available to the entire community, expenditure  
3 authority under 2(A) shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee;

4 (B) \$5,000.00 to support the operations of the Marianas Business Network to provide  
5 services that support and promote small businesses and economic opportunities in the CNMI and  
6 are made equally available to the entire community, expenditure authority under 2(B) shall be the  
7 Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee;

8 (C) \$40,000.00 for the operations of the Saipan Humane Society, expenditure authority  
9 under 2(C) shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee; and

10 (D) \$35,000.00 for the operations of the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy  
11 Systems, Inc. (NMPASI), expenditure authority under 2(D) shall be the Secretary of the  
12 Department of Finance or his/her designee.

13 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

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

18 Expenditure authorities 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 and the  
20 Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation by the end of the 2025  
21 calendar year. Provided further, that any entity that fails to report all expenditures of funds received

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1 under this Act shall be ineligible to receive future appropriations from the Saipan and Northern  
2 Islands Legislative Delegation.

3 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

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

8 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

15 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming law without  
17 such approval.

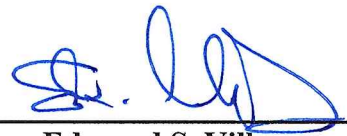
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CERTIFIED BY:



**John Paul P. Sablan**  
Chairman

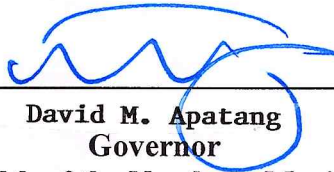
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**Edmund S. Villagomez**  
Speaker

24<sup>th</sup> House of Representatives

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.



**David M. Apatang**  
Governor

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