

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To repeal Sections 101 and 201(d) of Executive Order 94-3 and to establish the Office of Management and Budget within the Department of Finance; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that although the Office
2 of Management and Budget (OMB) was established within the Office of the Governor,
3 there have been some discrepancies between the OMB and the Department of Finance
4 (DOF) regarding the government's annual operating budget and other financial matters.
5 The Legislature finds that to promote cooperation, efficiency, and transparency, it would
6 be beneficial to transfer OMB to DOF so that there is a unified position on all matters
7 about management and budget.

8 Accordingly, this Act is to transfer OMB to the Department of Finance.

9 **Section 2. Repealer.** Sections 101 and 202(d) of Executive Order 94-3 are hereby
10 repealed.

11 **Section 3. Amendment.** Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 11 of the
12 Commonwealth Code is hereby amended by adding a new article 9 to read as follows:

13 **"Article 9. Division of Management and Budget.**

14 **§ 101. Division of Management and Budget.** There is hereby established in the
15 Department of Finance a Division of Office of Management and Budget to be headed by
16 a Director of Management and Budget.

17 **§ 102. Functions.** Subject to the overall direction of the Secretary of the
18 Department of Finance, the Director shall supervise and be responsible for all matters
19 concerning management and budget on a day-to-day basis.

20 **§ 103. Duties and Responsibilities.**

1 The Director for Management and Budget, shall, in addition to any other duties,
2 be responsible for improving and coordinating the management of the Commonwealth
3 Government. In this regard, the director shall ensure discipline in government programs
4 and activities for consistency with the Governor's policies and budget, improve
5 government efficiency by reducing duplication and overlaps between and among
6 agencies, and assist department and activity heads in internal organization and
7 management to achieve maximum effectiveness at minimum cost to the taxpayers."

8 **Section 4. Transition Provisions.**

9 **§ 101. Transfer of Records and Equipment.**

10 Upon the transfer of functions as provided in this Act, all contracts, books,
11 records, papers, maps, plans, documents, property, and pending business heretofore
12 made, used, and acquired or conducted by the Office of Management and Budget in the
13 exercise of the functions transferred shall be transferred to the Department of Finance,
14 Division of Management and Budget.

15 **§ 102. Transfer of Officers and Employees.**

16 The Office of Management and Budget Office employees under the Office of the
17 Governor performing OMB functions shall be transferred to the Department of Finance,
18 Division of Management and Budget.

19 **§ 103. Implementation.**

20 This Act shall take effect upon the Governor signing it into law, but to avoid
21 interruption of the administrative business of the government, the Governor may, for a
22 period not to exceed six (6) months, postpone the actual transfer of a portion or all of the
23 OMB functions until the re-organization herein can be put into full force and effect.


24 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any
25 such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of
26 competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to
27 persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected
28 thereby.

29 **Section 6. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not

1 be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under
2 statutes 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 terminating,
5 or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in
6 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

7 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
8 Governor or becoming law without such approval.

Date: 1/28/25

Introduced By: 

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Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:



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