TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

_____ **SESSION, 2026** **H. L. B. 24-64**

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

To appropriate $200,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59; 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:

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 $200,000.00 of the revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59 as follows:

(A) $200,000.00 to the Commonwealth Election Commission to address the funding shortfall for the upcoming 2026 Runoff Election for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor and the Attorney General. The expenditure authority under 2(A) shall be the Chairperson of the Commonwealth Election Commission or his/her designee.

SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.

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

SECTION 4. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.

The Secretary of Finance or each of their respective designee(s) shall regulate and control the expenditure of the funds appropriated by this Act to ensure that appropriated funds are not expended contrary to the law, fiscal management policies, and practices of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 5. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.

Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance by the end of the 2026 calendar year. Provided further that failure to provide all expenses, entities (Government, non-profits entities, etc... excluding specific projects) that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative

Delegation.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

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

SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.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

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Prefiled: 11/6/2023

Date: Introduced by: _____
Rep. Ralph N. Yumul

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

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Date: 11-6-24