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HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

12 APR 21; 1000 HRS

HOUSE CHAMBER

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Public Comments
4. New Business
  - a. H. B. NO. 22-28 – To rename the structure for the Center for Living Independently in the CNMI to “The Lydia D. Igitol Center for Living Independently in the CNMI;” and for other purposes. Pre-filed by REP. Edmund S. Villagomez of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for himself, Rep. Blas Jonathan Attao “BJ” T. Attao, Richard T. Lizama and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai).
  - b. H. B. NO. 22-29 – To amend 1 CMC § 121 in order to eradicate the unconstitutional public purpose presumption for legislative expenditures. Pre-filed by REP CHRISTINA M.E. SABLÁN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (for herself, Reps. Celina R. Babauta, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Leila H.F.C. Staffler and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai.)
  - c. H. B. NO 22-30 – To grand the Legislature a reasonable allowance, to define a “reasonable allowance,” to set the amount of the allowance and, to certify it as a public purpose. Pre-filed by REP CHRISTINA M.E. SABLÁN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (for herself, Reps. Celina R. Babauta, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Leila H.F.C. Staffler and, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai.)
  - d. H. B. NO. 22-35 – To add a provision to prohibit convicted felons from possessing firearms and / or ammunition; and for other purposes. Pre-filed by REP. CELINA R. BABAUTA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for herself).

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e. H. B. NO. 22-36 – To repeal and reenact 6 CMC § 4115 to provide better clarity for trial courts to impose sentences. Pre-filed by REP. CELINA R. BABAUTA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for herself)

f. H. B. NO. 22-37 – To amend Title 6, Division 3, Chapter 2 of the Commonwealth Code by establishing a penalty provision for criminal defendants who fail to appear in court on their scheduled date. Pre-filed by REP. CELINA R. BABAUTA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for herself).

g. H.B. NO. – 22-38 – To amend Title 6, Division 5, Chapter 3, Article 2. Protection of Abused Children, to enact a new § 5326. Discovery of evidence of child abuse or recordings of child witnesses, and for other purposes. Pre-filed by REP. CELINA R. BABAUTA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for herself).

h. H. B. NO. 22-39 – To amend Title 6, Division 6,, Chapter 5. Witnesses, by adding a new § 6503. Witness to Child Outcry of Abuse, and for other purposes. Pre-filed by REP. CELINA R. BABAUTA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for herself).

i. H. B. NO. 22-40 – To establish provisions for Jaywalking; and for other purposes. Pre-filed by REP. JOSEPH A. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself, REPS. Blas Jonathan “BJ” Attao, Angel A. Dempan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, John Paul P. Sablan, and Ralph N. Yumul.)

j. H. B. NO. 22-41 – To amend 9 CMC § 8209 by removing the seven-day grace period for motorists who violate 9 CMC §§ 8203 and 8204; and for other purposes. Pre-filed by REP. JOSEPH A. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself, Reps. Blas Jonathan “BJ” Attao, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, John Paul P. Sablan, and Ralph N. Yumul.)

k. H. B. NO. 22-7 – To provide clarity relative to the crime of promoting prison contraband, or otherwise known as the Contraband Regorm Act of 2021; and for other purposes. Pre-filed on February 19, 20021 by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (for himself, Reps. Roy C.A. Ada, Blas Jonathan ‘BJ’ Attao, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, and Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero.)

l. S. B. NO. 22-29 – To authorize government agencies, boards, and commissions to promulgate, regulations to utilize electronic means to participate in official meetings,” which was passed by the Senate on February 25, 2021 (for action)

m. DEPT / AGENCY COMMUNICATION 22-9 (3/11/21) – From the Office of the Public Auditor submitting Report on CNMI Agencies Implementation of Audit Recommendations as of December 31, 2020. (For Info.)

5. Old or Unfinished Business

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a. **H. B. NO. 22-1** - To establish the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Civil Remedies for unauthorized disclosure of intimate images Act of 2021; and for other purposes. Prefiled by: REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1

b. **H. B. NO. 22-2** - To amend the Commonwealth Code to authorize civil claims for child sexual abuse to be commenced at any time; and for other purposes. Prefiled by: REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Richard T. Lizama, Edwin K. Propst, and Denita K. Yangetmai)

c. **H. B. NO. 22-3** - To amend 9 CMC §2101(d) by requiring the motor vehicle liability insurance expiration to be consistent with the vehicle registration expiration; and for other purposes. Prefiled by: REP. JOSEPH A. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 1

d. **H. B. NO. 22-4** - To amend the Department of Public Safety's time period to produce police traffic and criminal investigation reports from 10 days to 3 days.

e. **H. B. NO. 22-5** - To amend 1 CMC §20175 to include additional members to serve on the Planning and Development Advisory Council (PDAC); and for other purposes. Prefiled by: REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, and John Paul P. Sablan)

f. **H. B. NO. 22-17** - To amend 9 CMC § 2401 to authorize the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to regulate chauffeur licenses in the CNMI; and for other purposes. Prefiled by: REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself, and Representative Angel A. Demapan)

h. **H. B. NO. 22-18** - To amend Division 4 of Title 6 of the Commonwealth Code relating to disposition of offenders and sentencing to provide criteria for imposition of enhanced sentencing of defendants for crimes motivated by hate. Prefiled by: REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 (for himself, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Richard T. Lizama, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

i. **H. B. NO. 22-20** - To amend Title 2, Division 2, Chapter 1 of the Commonwealth Code to grant the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) - Ports Police with law enforcement authority. Prefiled by: REP. BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for himself, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Celina R.

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6. Miscellaneous

7. Adjournment

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