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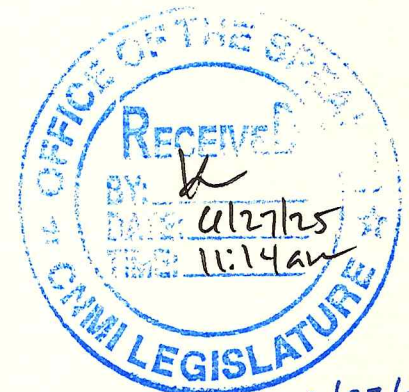
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

June 25, 2025

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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. 24-12**, entitled "To appropriate \$2,500,000.00 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended; and for other purposes.," which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This Bill becomes **Saipan Local Law 24-04**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,



DAVID M. APATANG
Acting Governor

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cc: Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision Commission;
Public Auditor; Acting Special Assistant for Administration; Secretary of Finance;
SHEFA; Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of SNI; Municipal Council, SNI; Secretary, DPW;
Director, Saipan Zoning; Executive Director, VAO; CNMI Scholarship; CEO, CHCC;
Programs and Legislative Review Office



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

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-12

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

To appropriate \$2,500,000.00 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended; and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY


Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, John Paul P. Sablan,
Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul
Introduced on June 11, 2025

HOUSE ACTION

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

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	6/12/25 Mayor of Saipan [Del. Matters 24-30] Mayor of the Northern Islands [Del. Matters 24-31] 18 th SNIMC [Del. Matters 24-32]
Comments Received:	6/16/25 18 th SNIMC [Misc. Comm. 24-63] 6/18/25 Mayor of Saipan & Mayor of the Northern Islands commented on Public Comments.
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	June 18, 2025


Baybie Sn. Hocog
Acting Delegation Clerk



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**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 pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 (poker fees).

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 \$2,500,000.00 of the revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended as follows:

(A) \$1,700,000.00 to Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance (SHEFA), provided however that \$250,000 of the \$1,700,000.00 shall be reserved for SHEFA personnel and

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1 operations, the expenditure authority under 2(A) shall be the SHEFA Board Chairperson in
2 concurrence with the SHEFA Board.

3 (B) \$800,000.00 shall be allocated as follows:

4 (1) \$150,000.00 for the Saipan Mayors Office for personnel and/or operations (to
5 include costs associated with the annual Liberation Day festivities), expenditure authority
6 shall be the Mayor of Saipan or his/her designee;

7 (2) \$50,000.00 for the Northern Islands Mayors Office personnel and/or operations,
8 expenditure authority shall be the Mayor of the Northern Islands or his/her designee;

9 (3) \$30,000.00 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council, expenditure
10 authority shall be the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council
11 his/her designee;

12 (4) \$60,000.00 for the Northern Marianas Sports Association (NMSA), expenditure
13 authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee;

14 (5) \$75,000.00 for the Saipan Zoning Office, expenditure authority shall be the
15 Director of the Saipan Zoning Office or his/her designee;

16 (6) \$40,000.00 for the Saipan Little League Baseball program, expenditure authority
17 shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee;

18 (7) \$ 10,000.00 for the Saipan Fishermen's Association for the 41st Annual Saipan
19 International Fishing Derby, expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department
20 of Finance or his/her designee;

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1 (8) \$10,000.00 for the Marianas Racing Association, expenditure authority shall be the
2 Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee;

3 (9) \$5,000.00 for the 39th Anniversary of the 13 Fishermen Monument, expenditure
4 authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee;

5 (10) \$20,000.00 for the Save The Music-CNMI Foundation, expenditure authority
6 shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee;

7 (11) \$3,000.00 for the U10 and U12 Paire Football Club for 2nd Annual Pacific
8 Grassroots Football Fellowship Tournament in Guam, expenditure authority shall be the
9 Secretary of the Department of Finance;

10 (12) \$47,000.00 for the Division of Financial Services under the Department of
11 Finance to outfit the Division's facility, expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the
12 Department of Finance or his/her designee;

13 (13) \$25,000.00 for the Veterans Affairs Office, expenditure authority shall be the
14 Executive Director of the CNMI Veterans Affairs Office or his/her designee;

15 (14) \$25,000.00 for the CNMI Womens Association operations, expenditure authority
16 shall be the Secretary of Finance or his/her designee;

17 (16) \$20,000.00 for the Navy Hill ponding basin and its surrounding areas, expenditure
18 authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of the Public Works or his/her designee;

19 (17) \$50,000.00 for the CNMI Scholarship Office, expenditure authority shall be the
20 Chairperson of the Board or his/her designee; and

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1 (18) \$180,000.00 for the Health Network Program (HNP), expenditure authority shall
2 be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Commonwealth Health Care Corporation
3 (CHCC).

4 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

8 **SECTION 4. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

9 Expenditure authorities of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be responsible
10 to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance and the Chairperson of the
11 Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation upon exhaustion of all funds allocated to each
12 respective entity. Provided further that failure to provide all expenses entities that were afforded
13 funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated by the Saipan and
14 Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

15 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

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

20 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

21 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing


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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.

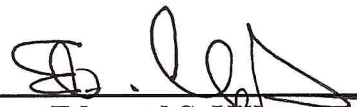
SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

CERTIFIED BY:

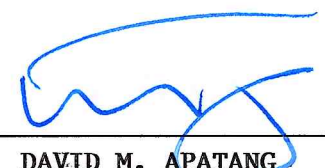


John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
24th House of Representatives

Approved this 25th day of June, 2025.



DAVID M. APATANG
ACTING GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands