



**The Senate**  
NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
P.O. BOX 500129  
SAIPAN, MP 96950

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 24-66**  
**Date: December 2, 2025**  
**RE: Senate Bill No. 24-24**

Honorable Karl R. King-Nabors  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. President:

Your Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law, to which Senate Bill No. 24-24 was referred, entitled:

“To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands join the CNMI-Guam Interjurisdictional Corrections Compact to improve and expand inmate rehabilitation and training; and for other purposes.”

begs leave to report as follows:

**I. RECOMMENDATION:**

After considerable discussion and deliberation, your Committee recommends the passage of Senate Bill No. 24-24 in its current form.

**II. ANALYSIS:**

A. Purpose:

The purpose of Senate Bill No. 24-24 is to improve and expand inmate rehabilitation and training by authorizing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to join the CNMI-Guam Interjurisdictional Corrections Compact.

B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee finds that interjurisdictional corrections compacts between correctional authorities provide a formal framework through which states and territories may cooperate in addressing mutual concerns related to the effective management of incarcerated offenders. Under such agreements, a sending jurisdiction may transfer inmates to a receiving jurisdiction while retaining legal custody and jurisdiction over those inmates. These compacts have proven effective in promoting inmate safety, managing security risks, providing access to specialized rehabilitation or treatment services, and alleviating prison overcrowding.

Your Committee further finds that while most states and territories of the United States have entered into such interjurisdictional corrections compacts, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has not. Given the availability of vacant correctional capacity within the Commonwealth and the potential to generate revenue by housing specific categories of inmates, the Commonwealth is uniquely positioned to enter into such an agreement with the island of Guam.

Your Committee further finds that Senate Bill No. 24-24 intends to authorize the Commonwealth to enter into a CNMI-Guam Interjurisdictional Corrections Compact. Under this compact, the Commonwealth would serve as a receiving jurisdiction for exceptional non-violent offenders who voluntarily agree to transfer from Guam, with all costs associated with their maintenance and participation in rehabilitation programs covered by Guam.

Your Committee met on December 2, 2025, to formally discuss the proposed legislation. Recognizing the potential revenue that could significantly enhance the operations and rehabilitative programs of the CNMI Department of Corrections, your Committee supports the intent of the proposed legislation and recommends the passage of Senate Bill No. 24-24 in its current form.

C. Legislative History:

Senate Bill No. 24-24 was formally introduced by Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro on March 4, 2025, and was subsequently referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law for disposition.

D. Public Hearing and Comment:

1. Public Hearing. Your Committee conducted several public hearings in the Commonwealth for Senate Bill No. 24-24. Testimonies received by public/private entities and the general public are as follows:

- a. Tuesday, May 27, 2025 – Conference Hall, Rota Mayor’s Office, Tatachog, Rota
  - i. No oral testimonies in support or in opposition of the proposed legislation were presented to your Committee.
- b. Friday, June 20, 2025 – Tinian Middle & High School Cafeteria, San Jose, Tinian
  - i. No oral testimonies in support or in opposition of the proposed legislation were presented to your Committee.
- c. Wednesday, July 2, 2025 – Senate Chamber, Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan
  - i. Honorable Ramon B. Camacho, Mayor of the Municipality of Saipan, *Read written testimony listed under Section II(D)(3) of this report.*

Additional comments stated:

*“That’s my comments, Mr. Chairman and Members of this Committee. I have been in law enforcement so... I retired 22 years in service. Back then, prior to the separation of Correction and the Department of Public Safety, I use to command the Correction, both the police in the police operation and the Correction. And I see the movement of the inmates, back then, yes, we have this in the 80s, the work release program, and reference to other rehabilitation program. I met with the Governor, last month, Governor of Guam, Lou, and we sat down and we talked about it. She asked me what’s my opinion of the proposed housing the inmates from Guam. I said, ‘Governor, I don’t see much problems but I have concerns. The number one concerns I have is are you sending us these hardcore inmates?’ You know, I don’t mind the misdemeanor cases, you know, to transfer down here, but not the felony cases, okay. Because there’s a big difference between these two types of crime, misdemeanor and felony. So, felony mostly are long-term; now the concern here is transition, okay, from Guam to here and from here back to Guam. So, we need to really magnify glass this movement and see what’s the benefit out of it. Because I strongly believe in rehabilitation. This is my statement, with all due respect. Thank you so much. [...]”*

- ii. No oral testimonies in opposition to the proposed legislation were presented to your Committee.



2. Committee Meeting. The proposed legislation made its first appearance during the scheduled committee meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. The committee meeting notices and agenda were officially posted on May 1, 2025, on various legislative forums and social media sites to invite members of the general public to provide comments as indicated under *Item No. IV. Public Comment* on the Committee Agenda. However, no oral testimonies in support or in opposition of the proposed legislation were presented to your Committee.

The proposed legislation made its second appearance during the scheduled committee meeting on Friday, June 20, 2025. The committee meeting notice was posted on June 12, 2025, and the agenda was officially posted on June 17, 2025, on various legislative forums and social media sites to invite members of the general public to provide comments as indicated under *Item No. IV. Public Comment* on the Committee Agenda. However, no oral testimonies in support or in opposition of the proposed legislation were presented to your Committee.

The proposed legislation made its third appearance during the scheduled committee meeting on Wednesday, July 2, 2025. The committee meeting notices and agenda were officially posted on June 26, 2025, on various legislative forums and social media sites to invite members of the general public to provide comments as indicated under *Item No. IV. Public Comment* on the Committee Agenda. However, no oral testimonies in support or in opposition of the proposed legislation were presented to your Committee.

The proposed legislation made its fourth appearance during the scheduled committee meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025. The committee meeting notices and agenda were officially posted on November 26, 2025, on various legislative forums and social media sites to invite members of the general public to provide comments as indicated under *Item No. IV. Public Comment* on the Committee Agenda. However, no oral testimonies in support or in opposition of the proposed legislation were presented to your Committee.

3. Written Comment. Your Committee sent out several requests for comments on the proposed legislation. To date, the status of comments received from the following government and private entities is as follows:
  - a. Office of the Attorney General, *no comment received*
  - b. Office of the Public Defender, *no comment received*
  - c. Mayor of the Municipality of Rota, *no comment received*
  - d. Mayor of the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan, *no comment received*
  - e. Mayor of the Municipality of Saipan, *no comment received*
  - f. Mayor of the Northern Islands, *no comment received*
  - g. Rota Municipal Council, *no comment received*
  - h. Tinian Municipal Council, *no comment received*
  - i. Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council, *no comment received*
  - j. Department of Public Safety, *no comment received*
  - k. Department of Corrections, *letter dated March 25, 2025*

- k. Anthony C. Torres, Commissioner, Department of Corrections, *letter dated March 25, 2025*
- l. Christine M. Cabrera, Office of the Acting Resident Department Head, Department of Public Safety – Rota, *letter dated May 27, 2025*
- m. Honorable Ramon “RB” Jose Blas Camacho, Mayor of the Municipality of Saipan, *letter dated July 2, 2025*
- n. Honorable Marian DLG Tudela, Chairwoman, 18<sup>th</sup> Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council, *letter dated July 2, 2025*

E. Estimated Fiscal Cost:

No fiscal analysis was prepared for the proposed legislation.

However, the enactment of Senate Bill No. 24-24 will not impose additional costs on the Commonwealth government. All expenses with respect to the transfer and rehabilitative treatment of inmates will be borne by Guam. Additionally, this compact has the potential to generate revenue that could significantly enhance the resources available for the Department of Corrections. These resources would be instrumental in strengthening the rehabilitation programs and investing in the professional development of Correction Officers, ensuring the continued operation of the correctional facility.

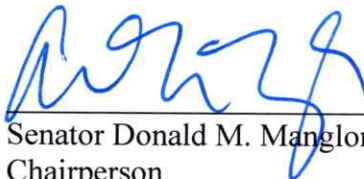
F. Summary of Committee Amendments:

Your Committee agreed that no further amendments were needed.

**III. CONCLUSION:**


Your Committee agrees with the intent and purpose of the proposed legislation and recommends the passage of Senate Bill No. 24-24 in its current form.

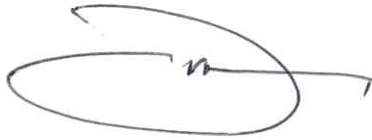
Respectfully submitted,

  
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Senator Donald M. Manglona  
Chairperson

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Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro  
Vice Chairperson

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Senator Celina R. Babauta  
Member

  
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Senator Ronnie M. Calvo  
Member



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Senator Francisco Q. Cruz  
Member



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Senator Corina L. Magofna  
Member

Reviewed by:



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Senate Legal Counsel

Attachment(s):

1. Written Testimonies:

- a. Anthony C. Torres, Commissioner, Department of Corrections, *letter dated March 25, 2025*
- b. Christine M. Cabrera, Office of the Acting Resident Department Head, Department of Public Safety – Rota, *letter dated May 27, 2025*
- c. Honorable Ramon “RB” Jose Blas Camacho, Mayor of the Municipality of Saipan, *letter dated July 2, 2025*
- d. Honorable Marian DLG Tudela, Chairwoman, 18<sup>th</sup> Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council, *letter dated July 2, 2025*

2. Public Hearing – Notices and Agenda

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- b. Friday, June 20, 2025 – Tinian Middle & High School Cafeteria, San Jose, Tinian
- c. Wednesday, July 2, 2025 – Senate Chamber, Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Office of the Commissioner  
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March 25, 2025

Honorable Vice President Karl R. King-Nabors  
Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law  
Senate  
24<sup>th</sup> Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature  
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Subject: S.B. No. 24-24

Dear Chairman Karl R. King-Nabors,

This letter is to convey my strong support for Senate Bill No. 24-24: To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to join the CNMI-Guam Interjurisdictional Corrections Compact to improve and expand inmate rehabilitation and training; and for other purposes.

This is an issue that touches the lives of many in our community—our correctional system and how we can make it stronger, more efficient, and more compassionate.

I am reminded of the men and women in our correctional facilities—the individuals working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure safety and rehabilitation. We have a unique opportunity to make a profound difference not just in the lives of those incarcerated, but also for the dedicated staff who serve them every day.

Currently, our Department of Corrections has empty beds. This may seem like a small detail, but it represents a significant resource that we can tap into. Many facilities across the nation are grappling with overcrowding. In fact, our neighbors in Guam are dealing with this issue right now. They could be potentially contracting with facilities, as far away, as Arizona, which is approximately (14) hours away by plane. Those long flights and endless coordination could be avoided. Instead, we have the opportunity to step in and offer them the help they so desperately need, only (30) minutes away.

I want to reassure you that we will do this responsibly. Any inmate transferred to our facility will do so voluntarily, as mandated by the regulations governing this process. This means that DOC will have the authority to refuse to accept inmates, if they do not meet our predetermined criteria. I am fully committed to the safety and well-being of our community. Therefore, I propose that only exemplary, non-violent individuals who show a willingness to participate in our innovative rehabilitation and training programs will be eligible for transfer to CNMI. This is not just about filling empty beds; it's about creating meaningful opportunities for those who have made mistakes—a chance for redemption and a future.

The revenue generated from this compact is not just a line item; it's a lifeline. By leveraging and utilizing our excess capacity, we can generate revenue that will help us enhance our rehabilitation programs—creating successful paths for inmates to reintegrate into society. But beyond that, this revenue will also allow us to invest and take care of the very people who make our system function smoothly and care for our inmates: our dedicated correctional staff: the men and women of the Northern Marianas Islands DOC.

These dedicated individuals work under demanding conditions, facing challenges most of you in here and out in the community can hardly imagine. They deserve our support. With the revenue generated from this compact, I can provide them with raises, hazardous pay, night differential, training and professional development—recognition for the sacrifices they make every day. I envision our DOC to have a cadre of staff who become Firearms Instructors, Self-Defense Instructors, CPR/AED Instructors, etc. This investment in our staff not only boosts morale, but also enhances the safety and quality of care within our facilities to include our Adult Facility, Manhoben Care Center, Division of Parole, and Community Outreach Program.

Additionally, I want to emphasize the importance of collaboration and community. We're not doing this alone. We're committed to engaging with stakeholders in Guam, advocating for this compact in their legislature. Building these relationships will enhance our ability to provide a solution that benefits both our communities.

Both Guam and CNMI need to enter into an Interstate Corrections Compact. These compacts already exist and Guam is part to the one with other Western States. This Interstate Corrections Compact would allow getting CNMI in a position other states, and Guam are already in. Industry standard.

The CNMI is already part to interstate compacts. The Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PsyPact) was pushed by former Rep. Tina Sablan in 2022


Even if we decided to not bring any Guam inmates, having this compact would allow us to bring our inmates to Guam on medical referral eliminating the extra costs associated with housing them in Guam DOC, thus lessening the burden on the CNMI Taxpayers.

This is more than just an economic proposal; this is a call to action—a chance for us to create a more effective and compassionate correctional system. By utilizing our empty beds, we can relieve some of the financial pressures on our Legislature, CNMI Taxpayers, provide vital resources for rehabilitation, and invest in the people who keep our system running, which ultimately benefits our CNMI residents.

Together, let's seize this opportunity to not just transform our correctional facilities, but to uplift our entire community. Let us be the leaders who make a lasting impact—who champion both rehabilitation and respect for those who serve us.

Thank you for your time, your understanding, and for considering this vision for a brighter future in our commonwealth.

Sincerely,

  
Anthony C. Torres  
Commissioner



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
OFFICE OF THE ACTING RESIDENT DEPARTMENT HEAD



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May 27, 2025

Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law  
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors, Chairperson  
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz, Vice Chairperson  
Senator Ronnie M. Calvo, Member  
Senator Corina L. Magofna, Member  
Senator Donald M. Manglona

Dear Esteemed Senators,

I thank you for the opportunity to share my comments on S.B. 24-24. After reviewing this proposal, I would like to extend my support on its passage. It is indeed difficult to apply reforms when the capacity of Guam's facility does not allow for a more individual and proactive approach on the institutionalized. Across the board measures may be applied that leave many reformable inmates inadvertently overlooked, due to the institution's overwhelming population.

This bill mitigates many of the problems or potential problems that Guam's Department of Corrections is currently facing. The recommendations that I have is to ensure that our Department of Corrections is efficiently staffed and trained to include a more diverse communication strategy with non-English and non-Indigenous speaking inmates and programs for reformation is readily available. With that, I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts and your inclusive approach regarding this bill.

Kind Regards,

Christine M. Cabrera

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Ramon "RB" Jose Blas Camacho  
Mayor of Saipan

July 2, 2025

The Honorable Karl King- Nabors  
Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law  
24<sup>th</sup> Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature  
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**Subject: Senate Bill No. 24-24: "To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to join the CNMI-Guam Interjurisdictional Corrections Compact to improve and expand inmate rehabilitation and training; and for other purposes."**

Hafa Adai yan Tirow Chairman King- Nabors,

Thank you for providing the Office of the Mayor, Municipality of Saipan the opportunity to provide comments on the above subject. I express my support for this important legislation, which reflects a collaborative effort to enhance our corrections system and provide expanded opportunities for inmate rehabilitation and training through partnership with Guam.

While I support the bill's intent, I respectfully emphasize the need to prioritize its rehabilitation purpose. Providing effective rehabilitation is critical to reducing recidivism and helping individuals successfully reintegrate into our communities. By focusing on rehabilitation, we can work toward lowering turnover rates within our corrections system and improving long-term outcomes for our people.

In addition, I urge the Committee to ensure that the Department of Corrections has the financial stability, manpower, and resources necessary to implement this compact successfully. Adequate support will be essential to safeguard both the integrity of the program and the welfare of our Department of Corrections officers. At the end of the day, the safety of our community and the well-being of our corrections personnel are just as important as the rehabilitation of inmates.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to the positive impact this measure will have on our corrections system and our community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (670)234-6208 or via email at [saipanmayor@mos.gov.mp](mailto:saipanmayor@mos.gov.mp).

Sincerely,

RAMON "RB" JOSE BLAS CAMACHO  
Mayor, Office of the Municipality of Saipan



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July 2, 2025

Hon. Karl R. King-Nabors  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Judiciary  
23<sup>rd</sup> CNMI Senate  
Saipan, MP 96950

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FOR: Sen. King Nabors  
7/2/25 7:40 pm  
Pedro Touza

Re. S.B. 24-24

Dear Chairman King-Nabors:

The third senatorial district municipal leadership shares its position and views on Senate Bill 24-24 authorizing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to join the CNMI-Guam Interjurisdictional Corrections Compact purportedly intended to improve and expand inmate rehabilitation and training; and for other purposes. Among the bill's "findings" include:

- (1) that interjurisdictional compacts between the correctional authorities of states, territories, and possessions of the United States have proven to be valuable tools for alleviation of prison overcrowding and provision of rehabilitation and treatment services. There is no data or scientific study to either prove or disprove this conjecture or thesis.
- (2) that, in recent years, the CNMI Department of Corrections has made great strides in advancing and expanding its rehabilitation, work release, and inmate vocational training programs. Again, like the first thesis, there is yet to be made available data or scientific study to either prove or disprove this conjecture or thesis.
- (3) that the purported improvement and expansion would reduce recidivism rates and ensure that more CNMI offenders, after serving their sentence, could be released into the community with the skills. This thesis, like the first two above, are mere speculations without objective study or scientific data to either confirm or deny such speculation.
- (4) That accepting from Guam's so-called exceptional non-violent offenders who voluntarily choose to transfer to the CNMI and whose maintenance and participation in rehabilitation programs would be paid for by Guam would offer a source of funding with which CNMI Department of Corrections which could then be a revenue source to greatly improve and expand the local DOC current offering sounds more a theory than a reality.

What is apparent off the bat, however, is that Senate Bill 24-24 incentivizes a prison exchange program between the CNMI and Guam through upfront financial benefits without providing safeguards for hidden costs and challenges for the CNMI on Guam's overpopulated prison facilities.

While proponents of such a prison exchange project appear to narrowly consider financial benefits and the speculative promise in for-profit prison exchange through revenue generation by welcoming Guam inmates to Saipan, concerns exist about the impact on the CNMI's infrastructure and the potential social implications of housing a larger inmate population especially with over 5000 military personnel moving to Guam.

Absent a comprehensive and updated feasibility study conducted by an independent non-government or not for profit entity, below is a tip of the iceberg cost-benefit analysis at a glance.

#### **Un-adjudicated Benefits for the CNMI**

- Revenue generation for the CNMI potentially in the low millions of dollars by welcoming Guam inmates to its prison facility in Susupe, funding that may be applied to financing salary boost and expand training opportunities.
- Job creation generated by having larger inmate population in food catering, laundry, janitorial services, and construction, potentially benefiting local businesses.
- The revenue generated could be used to upgrade the CNMI's correctional facilities including funding innovative vocational training programs for inmates.

#### **Costs and Challenges for the CNMI**

- Housing an Guam's overcrowding inmate population would definitely strain the CNMI's correctional facilities, requiring funding upgrades to accommodate the increased capacity brought about by this proposed project. (Stress/Drain on local infrastructure and capacity).
- Overflow of Guam's inmates to the CNMI is concerning on the definite impact on the CNMI social fabric, values, community safety, including security and social services. (Impact on Societal values, safety, etc.).
- While the program could generate revenue, there would also be associated operational costs in increased utilities and staffing expenses. (Operational costs).
- Housing Guam inmates confronts residents with a lot of unknowns and likely generate and face opposition from the local community whose residents are concerned about the negative impact on the community. (Public Opinion).

In short, the proposed inmate exchange project comes with a complex myriad of competing issues and concerns with temporary advantages or benefits and interim disadvantages for the CNMI that could eventually become institutionalized hidden costs to the CNMI.

Careful consideration of the financial, logistical, and social implications is crucial before moving forward with the plan. The CNMI must undergo a feasibility study conducted by an independent non-government entity as a start.

We conclude by thanking the committee for soliciting the position of the third senatorial district municipal leadership on S.B 24-24 and urge this committee to defer action on the bill in favor of commissioning an independent comprehensive feasibility study on the subject matter, particularly as this bill targets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Senatorial District of Saipan.

Best Regards,

  
Marian DLG Tudela



# Senator Karl R. King-Nabors

## Vice President of the Senate

### Chairman

Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law  
*Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature*

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May 21, 2025

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC § 9901, the *Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law (JGL)* of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature (NMCL) will convene the following open and public hearing:

**MEETING:** Public Hearing

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 27, 2025

**TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Rota Mayor's Office, Tatachok, Rota

Copies of this notice, the official Public Hearing Notice, and the agenda have been filed in the *Office of Senator Karl R. King-Nabors*, released to the media, and posted at the following locations:

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Senate Entrance Hall  
Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Website ([www.cnmileg.gov.mp](http://www.cnmileg.gov.mp)) and Facebook Page

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# SENATOR KARL R. KING-NABORS

*Vice President of the Senate*

Chairman - Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law

*Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature*

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Senator Francisco Q. Cruz Vice Chairman


**Members:**

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Senator Corina L. Magofna  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**DATE:** May 21, 2025

**TO:** ALL Active Government Employees and Citizens

**FROM:** Senator Karl R. King-Nabors   
Chairperson, Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law

**SUBJECT:** PUBLIC HEARING - ROTA

The Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law will conduct a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, May 27, at 3:00 p.m. at the Rota Mayor's Office** on the following legislation:

- **S.B. No. 24-24** *To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands join the CNMI-Guam Interjurisdictional Corrections Compact to improve and expand inmate rehabilitation and training; and for other purposes.*

The following witnesses are requested to be present and may provide comments during this public hearing:

1. Honorable Mayor Aubry M. Hocog, Rota
2. Members, Rota Municipal Council
3. Resident Director, Rota Department of Public Safety

**All private citizens are welcome to attend**

To ensure the Committee properly receives written testimonies, members of the general public are encouraged to submit written testimony before the public hearing. Oral testimony will also be accepted during the public hearing.

cc: *Members of the Senate  
JGL Committee Members  
Senate Legal Counsel  
Senate Clerk  
Senate Legislative Assistant  
Media*



**SENATOR KARL R. KING-NABORS**  
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**AGENDA**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 27, 2025</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mayor's Office, Rota</b>

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**V. TESTIMONIES ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

- 1. S.B. No. 24-24**      “To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands join the CNMI-Guam Interjurisdictional Corrections Compact to improve and expand inmate rehabilitation and training; and for other purposes.”

**Authored by:** *Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro*

**VI. ADJOURNEMENT**



# Senator Karl R. King-Nabors

## Vice President of the Senate

### Chairman

Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law  
*Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature*

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June 11, 2025

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC § 9901, the *Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law (JGL)* of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature (NMCL) will convene the following open and public hearing:

**MEETING:** Public Hearing

**DATE:** Friday, June 20, 2025

**TIME:** 5:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Tinian Middle and High School Cafeteria  
San Jose, Tinian

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**DATE:** June 11, 2025  
**TO:** ALL Active Government Employees and Citizens  
**FROM:** Senator Karl R. King-Nabors   
Chairperson, Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law  
**SUBJECT:** PUBLIC HEARING - Tinian

The Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law will conduct a Public Hearing on **Friday, June 20, at 5:00 p.m. at the Tinian Middle and High School Cafeteria, San Jose, Tinian**, regarding the following legislation:

- **S.B. No. 24-24** *“To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands join the CNMI-Guam Interjurisdictional Corrections Compact to improve and expand inmate rehabilitation and training; and for other purposes.”*

The following witnesses are requested to be present and may provide comments during this public hearing:

1. **Honorable Mayor Edwin P. Aldan, Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan**
2. **Members, Tinian Municipal Council**
3. **Resident Director, Tinian Department of Public Safety**

**All private citizens are welcome to attend.**

To ensure the Committee properly receives written testimonies, members of the general public are encouraged to submit written testimony prior to the public hearing. Oral testimonies will also be accepted during the hearing.

cc: *Members of the Senate*  
*JGL Committee Members*  
*Senate Legal Counsel*  
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## AGENDA

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Friday, June 20, 2025	5:00 p.m.	Tinian Middle and High School Cafeteria, Tinian

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT
- V. TESTIMONIES ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

1. **S.B. No. 24-24** “To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands join the CNMI-Guam Interjurisdictional Corrections Compact to improve and expand inmate rehabilitation and training; and for other purposes.”

**Authored by:** *Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro*

- VI. ADJOURNEMENT



# Senator Karl R. King-Nabors

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June 26, 2025

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC § 9901, the *Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law (JGL)* of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature (NMCL) will convene the following open and public hearing:

**MEETING:**      **Public Hearing**

**DATE:**          **Wednesday, July 02, 2025**

**TIME:**          **5:00 p.m.**

**LOCATION:**      **Senate Chamber**  
**Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan**

Copies of this notice, the official Public Hearing Notice, and the agenda have been filed in the *Office of Senator Karl R. King-Nabors*, released to the media, and posted at the following locations:

House of Representatives Entrance Hall

Senate Entrance Hall

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Written comments on agenda item may be submitted to the *Office of Senator Karl R. King-Nabors* at *Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan*, before or at the public hearing. Oral testimony may be presented during the public hearing.

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Chairperson, Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law  
**SUBJECT:** PUBLIC HEARING - SAIPAN

The Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law will conduct a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, July 02, at 5:00 p.m.** in the **Senate Chamber** of the **Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan**, on the following legislation:

- **S.B. No. 24-24** *To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands join the CNMI-Guam Interjurisdictional Corrections Compact to improve and expand inmate rehabilitation and training; and for other purposes.*

The following witnesses are requested to be present and may provide comments during this public hearing:

1. Hon. Mayor Ramon B. Camacho - Mayor of Saipan
2. Hon. Mayor Valentino N. Taisacan Jr. - Mayor of Northern Islands
2. Members, 18<sup>th</sup>, Saipan Municipal Council
3. Department of Public Safety, Commissioner Anthony I. Macaranas
4. Department of Corrections, Commissioner Anthony C. Torres

**All private citizens are welcome to attend**

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## PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

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**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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- 1. S.B. No. 24-24** “To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands join the CNMI-Guam Interjurisdictional Corrections Compact to improve and expand inmate rehabilitation and training; and for other purposes.”

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**VI. ADJOURNEMENT**

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands join the CNMI-Guam Interjurisdictional Corrections Compact to improve and expand inmate rehabilitation and training; 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 interjurisdictional  
2 compacts between the correctional authorities of states, territories, and possessions of the  
3 United States have proven to be valuable tools for alleviation of prison overcrowding and  
4 provision of rehabilitation and treatment services.

5           The Legislature also finds that while nearly all states and territories, including  
6 Guam, have entered into such interjurisdictional corrections compacts, the CNMI has not.  
7 Guam is currently experiencing severe overcrowding of their correctional facilities, while  
8 CNMI has significant available space.

9           The Legislature further finds that, in recent years, the CNMI Department of  
10 Corrections has made great strides in advancing and expanding its rehabilitation, work-  
11 release, and inmate vocational training programs. The CNMI being able to accept, from  
12 Guam, exceptional non-violent offenders who volunteer to be transferred to CNMI, and  
13 whose maintenance and participation in rehabilitation programs would be paid for by  
14 Guam, would offer a source of funding with which CNMI Department of Corrections could  
15 greatly improve and expand its current offering. This improvement and expansion would  
16 reduce recidivism rates and ensure that more CNMI offenders, after serving their sentence,  
17 could be released into the community with the skills and experience to allow them to  
18 become productive, valuable members of society.

19           Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to authorize the Commonwealth of the  
20 Northern Mariana Islands join the CNMI-Guam Interjurisdictional Corrections Compact  
21 to improve and expand inmate rehabilitation and training; and for other purposes.

1           **Section 2. Enactment.** The following provisions are hereby enacted subject to  
2 codification by the CNMI Law Revision Commission:

3           **“Chapter xx. CNMI-Guam Interjurisdictional Corrections Compact.**

4           **§ 101. Definitions.** For the purposes of this Act, the following terms are defined as  
5 follows:

6           (a) “Compact” means the CNMI-Guam Interjurisdictional Corrections Compact as  
7 set forth in this Act.

8           (b) “Inmate” means a male or female offender who is under sentence to or confined  
9 in a prison or other correctional institution.

10          (c) “Institution” means any prison, reformatory or other correctional facility  
11 (including but not limited to a facility for persons with mental illness or intellectual  
12 disabilities) in which inmates may lawfully be confined.

13          (d) “Jurisdiction” means the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or  
14 Guam.

15          (e) “Receiving jurisdiction” means a jurisdiction party to this compact to which an  
16 inmate is sent for confinement other than a jurisdiction in which conviction was had.

17          (f) “Sending jurisdiction” means a jurisdiction party to this compact in which  
18 conviction was had.

19          **§ 102. Interjurisdictional Corrections Contracts.** Each party jurisdiction may  
20 make one or more contracts with any one of the other jurisdictions for the confinement of  
21 inmates on behalf of a sending jurisdiction in institutions situated within receiving  
22 jurisdiction. Any such contract shall provide for:

23           (a) Its duration.

24           (b) Payments to be made to the receiving jurisdiction by the sending jurisdiction  
25 for inmate maintenance, extraordinary medical and dental expenses, and any participation  
26 in or receipt by inmates of rehabilitative or correctional services, facilities, programs or  
27 treatment not reasonably included as part of normal maintenance.

1 (c) Participation in programs of inmate employment, if any; the disposition or  
 2 crediting of any payments received by inmates on account thereof; and the crediting of  
 3 proceeds from or disposal of any products resulting therefrom.

4 (d) Delivery and retaking of inmates.

5 (e) Such other matters as may be necessary and appropriate to fix the obligations,  
 6 responsibilities and rights of the sending and receiving jurisdictions.

7 **§ 103. Facility Construction.** Prior to the construction or completion of  
 8 construction of any institution or addition thereto by a party jurisdiction, any other party  
 9 jurisdiction or jurisdictions may contract therewith for the enlargement of the planned  
 10 capacity of the institution or addition thereto, or for the inclusion therein of particular  
 11 equipment or structures, and for the reservation of a specific percentum of the capacity of  
 12 the institution to be kept available for use by inmates of the sending jurisdiction or  
 13 jurisdictions so contracting. Any sending jurisdiction so contracting may, to the extent that  
 14 monies are legally available therefor, pay to the receiving jurisdiction, a reasonable sum as  
 15 consideration for such enlargement of capacity, or provision of equipment or structures,  
 16 and reservation of capacity. Such payment may be in a lump sum or in installments as  
 17 provided in the contract.

18 **§ 104. Contract Consistency With Compact.** The terms and provisions of this  
 19 compact shall be a part of any contract entered into by the authority of or pursuant thereto,  
 20 and nothing in any such contract shall be inconsistent therewith.

21 **§ 105. Intra-jurisdictional Inmate Transfer.** Whenever the duly constituted  
 22 judicial or administrative authorities in a jurisdiction party to this compact, and which has  
 23 entered into a contract pursuant to this Compact, shall decide that confinement in, or  
 24 transfer of an inmate to, an institution within the territory of another party jurisdiction is  
 25 necessary in order to provide adequate quarters and care or desirable in order to provide an  
 26 appropriate program of rehabilitation or treatment, said officials may direct that the  
 27 confinement be within an institution within the territory of said other party jurisdiction, the  
 28 receiving jurisdiction to act in that regard solely as agent for the sending jurisdiction.

1           **§ 106. Access To Institutions.** The appropriate officials of any jurisdiction party  
2 to this compact shall have access, at all reasonable times, to any institution in which it has  
3 a contractual right to confine inmates for the purpose of inspecting the facilities thereof  
4 and visiting such of its inmates as may be confined in the institution.

5           **§ 107. Payment Obligation.** Inmates confined in an institution pursuant to the  
6 terms of this compact shall at all times be subject to the jurisdiction of the sending  
7 jurisdiction and may at any time be removed therefrom for transfer to a prison or other  
8 institution within the sending jurisdiction, for transfer to another institution in which the  
9 sending jurisdiction may have a contractual or other right to confine inmates, for release  
10 on probation or parole, for discharge, or for any other purpose permitted by the laws of the  
11 sending jurisdiction; provided that the sending jurisdiction shall continue to be obligated  
12 to such payments as may be required pursuant to the terms of any contract entered into  
13 under the terms of this compact.

14           **§ 108. Reports and Records.** Each receiving jurisdiction shall provide regular  
15 reports to each sending jurisdiction on the inmates of that sending jurisdiction in  
16 institutions pursuant to this compact including a conduct record of each inmate and certify  
17 said record to the official designated by the sending jurisdiction, in order that each inmate  
18 may have the benefit of his or her record in determining and altering the disposition of said  
19 inmate in accordance with the law which may obtain in the sending jurisdiction and in  
20 order that the same may be a source of information for the sending jurisdiction.

21           **§ 109. Treatment of Inmates.** All inmates who may be confined in an institution  
22 pursuant to the provisions of this compact shall be treated in a reasonable and humane  
23 manner and shall be cared for and treated equally with such similar inmates of the receiving  
24 jurisdiction as may be confined in the same institution. The fact of confinement in a  
25 receiving jurisdiction shall not deprive any inmate so confined of any legal rights which  
26 said inmate would have had if confined in an appropriate institution of the sending  
27 jurisdiction.

1           **§ 110. Hearings.** Any hearing or hearings to which an inmate confined pursuant to  
2 this compact may be entitled by the laws of the sending jurisdiction may be had before the  
3 appropriate authorities of the sending jurisdiction, or of the receiving jurisdiction if  
4 authorized by the sending jurisdiction. The receiving jurisdiction shall provide adequate  
5 facilities for such hearings as may be conducted by the appropriate officials of a sending  
6 jurisdiction. In the event such hearing or hearings are held before officials of the receiving  
7 jurisdiction, the governing law shall be that of the sending jurisdiction and a record of the  
8 hearing or hearings as prescribed by the sending jurisdiction shall be made. Said record  
9 together with any recommendations of the hearing officials shall be transmitted forthwith  
10 to the official or officials before whom the hearing would have been had if it had taken  
11 place in the sending jurisdiction. In any and all proceedings pursuant to the provisions of  
12 this subdivision, the officials of the receiving jurisdiction shall act solely as agents of the  
13 sending jurisdiction and no final determination shall be made in any matter except by the  
14 appropriate officials of the sending jurisdiction. Costs of records made pursuant to this  
15 subdivision shall be borne by the sending jurisdiction.

16           **§ 111. Inmate Release.** Any inmate confined pursuant to this compact shall be  
17 released within the territory of the sending jurisdiction unless the inmate, and the sending  
18 and receiving jurisdictions, shall agree upon release in some other place. The sending  
19 jurisdiction shall bear the cost of such return to its territory.

20           **§ 112. Inmate Benefits and Obligation Relief.** Any inmate confined pursuant to  
21 the terms of this compact shall have any and all rights to participate in and derive any  
22 benefits or incur or be relieved of any obligations or have such obligations modified or the  
23 status of the inmate changed on account of any action or proceeding in which the inmate  
24 could have participated if confined in any appropriate institution of the sending jurisdiction  
25 located within such jurisdiction.

26           **§ 113. Inmate Guardian Rights.** The parent, guardian, trustee, or other person or  
27 persons entitled under the laws of the sending jurisdiction to act for, advise, or otherwise

1 function with respect to any inmate shall not be deprived of or restricted in the exercise of  
2 any power in respect of any inmate confined pursuant to the terms of this compact.

3       **§ 114. Sending Jurisdiction Decisions Conclusive.** Any decision of the sending  
4 jurisdiction in respect of any matter over which it retains jurisdiction pursuant to this  
5 compact shall be conclusive upon and not reviewable within the receiving jurisdiction, but  
6 if at the time the sending jurisdiction seeks to remove an inmate from an institution in the  
7 receiving jurisdiction there is pending against the inmate within such jurisdiction any  
8 criminal charge or if the inmate is suspected of having committed within such jurisdiction  
9 a criminal offense, the inmate shall not be returned without the consent of the receiving  
10 jurisdiction until discharged from prosecution or other form of proceeding, imprisonment  
11 or detention for such offense. The duly accredited officers of the sending jurisdiction shall  
12 be permitted to transport inmates pursuant to this compact through any and all jurisdictions  
13 party to this compact without interference.

14       **§ 115. Inmate Escape.** An inmate who escapes from an institution in which the  
15 inmate is confined pursuant to this compact shall be deemed a fugitive from the sending  
16 jurisdiction and from the jurisdiction in which the institution is situated. In the case of an  
17 escape to a jurisdiction other than the sending or receiving jurisdiction, the responsibility  
18 for institution of extradition proceedings shall be that of the sending jurisdiction, but  
19 nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent or affect the activities of officers  
20 and agencies of any jurisdiction directed toward the apprehension and return of an escapee.

21       **§ 116. Federal Aid.** Any jurisdiction party to this compact may accept federal aid  
22 for use in connection with any institution or program, the use of which is or may be affected  
23 by this compact or any contract pursuant hereto and any inmate in a receiving jurisdiction  
24 pursuant to this compact may participate in any such federally aided program or activity  
25 for which the sending and receiving jurisdictions have made contractual provision provided  
26 that if such program or activity is not part of the customary correctional regimen the express  
27 consent of the appropriate official of the sending jurisdiction shall be required therefor.

1           **§ 117. Compact Enactment.** This compact shall enter into force and become  
2 effective and binding upon the jurisdiction so acting when it has been enacted into law by  
3 any two jurisdictions. Thereafter, this compact shall enter into force and become effective  
4 and binding as to any other of said jurisdictions upon similar action by such jurisdiction.

5           This compact shall continue in force and remain binding upon a party jurisdiction  
6 until it shall have enacted a statute repealing the same and providing for the sending of  
7 formal written notice of withdrawal from the compact to the appropriate officials of all  
8 other party jurisdictions. An actual withdrawal shall not take effect until two years after  
9 the notices provided in said statute have been sent. Such withdrawal shall not relieve the  
10 withdrawing jurisdiction from its obligations assumed hereunder prior to the effective date  
11 of withdrawal. Before the effective date of withdrawal, a withdrawing jurisdiction shall  
12 remove to its territory, at its own expense, such inmates as it may have confined pursuant  
13 to the provisions of this compact.

14           Nothing contained in this compact shall be construed to abrogate or impair any  
15 agreement or other arrangement which a party jurisdiction may have with a nonparty  
16 jurisdiction for the confinement, rehabilitation or treatment of inmates nor to repeal any  
17 other laws of a party jurisdiction authorizing the making of cooperative institutional  
18 arrangements.

19           **§ 118. Severability.** The provisions of this compact shall be liberally construed and  
20 shall be severable. If any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact is declared  
21 to be contrary to the constitution of any participating jurisdiction or of the United States or  
22 the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid,  
23 the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any  
24 government, agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact  
25 shall be held contrary to the constitution of any jurisdiction participating therein, the  
26 compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining jurisdictions and in full  
27 force and effect as to the jurisdiction affected as to all severable matters.”

1           **Section 3. Amendment.** 6 CMC § 4112 is hereby amended to add a new subsection  
2 (c) to read as follows:

3           “(c) If an interjurisdictional compact is in effect between the Commonwealth and a  
4 state, territory, possession or commonwealth of the United States provides for the transfer  
5 or exchange of convicted offenders, the Governor may, on behalf of the Commonwealth  
6 and subject to the terms of the compact, authorize the Commissioner of the Department of  
7 Corrections to consent to the transfer or exchange of offenders and take any other action  
8 necessary to initiate the participation of this Commonwealth in the compact.”

9           **Section 4. Amendment.** Title 1 Division 2 Part 1 Chapter 16 Article 1 of the  
10 Commonwealth Code is hereby amended to add a new section 2856 to read as follows:

11           “§ 2856. **Interjurisdictional Corrections Compact Enforcement.** All courts,  
12 agencies and officers of the Commonwealth or any political subdivision therein, in  
13 coordination with the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections shall enforce any  
14 interjurisdictional correction compact and carry out its provisions with the following  
15 restrictions:

16           (a) The Commissioner of the Department of Corrections shall hold such hearings  
17 as are requested by another state pursuant to the terms of an interjurisdictional corrections  
18 compact. All such shall be conducted in compliance with the compact.

19           (b) The cost of any hearing conducted under subsection (a) of this section shall be  
20 paid out of the Department of Corrections Revolving Fund. Reimbursements received from  
21 the jurisdiction that requested the hearing shall be paid into the revolving fund.

22           (c) The Commonwealth Board of Parole may hold hearings in another jurisdiction  
23 in connection with the case of an inmate confined in an institution of another jurisdiction  
24 that is a party to the compact, or may request a hearing to be held by officers of the other  
25 jurisdiction pursuant to the terms of the compact.

26           (d) The cost of any hearing conducted under subsection (c) of this section shall be  
27 paid by the Department of Corrections out of money appropriated to the department for the  
28 purpose of paying lawful expenses of the department.

1 (e) The Department of Corrections may enter into any contracts on behalf of the  
2 Commonwealth, not prohibited by any law of this state, as it considers appropriate to  
3 implement the participation of the Commonwealth in the compact. However, the  
4 department shall not enter into any contract:

5 (1) Relating to commitments or transfers of children who are under 12 years  
6 of age;

7 (2) Providing for commitments or transfers of inmates from another  
8 jurisdiction who are 19 years of age or older to a youth correction facility; or

9 (3) Providing for commitments or transfers of youths in this jurisdiction  
10 who are under 17 years of age to an institution in another state if any of the inmates  
11 in that institution are 21 years of age or older.”

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

16 **Section 6. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not  
17 be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under  
18 statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.  
19 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant  
20 to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any  
21 way modifying, any liability civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the  
22 date this Act becomes effective.

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

Date: 3/4/25

Introduced By:   
Sen. Manny Gregory T. Castro

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:  
  
Senate Legal Counsel