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LEGISLATURE

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H. B. 24-108, HS1, SD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To provide a Budget Plan of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for Fiscal Year 2027 and make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for government corporations; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE 24TH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1 **“CHAPTER 1. PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS.**

2 **Section 101. Short Title.** This Act may be cited as the “Fiscal Year 2027
3 Budget Plan Act”.

4 **Section 102. Findings and Purpose.** This Act provides a plan for the
5 operations and activities of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands, its
6 agencies, instrumentalities, independent agencies, and political subdivisions, and
7 notwithstanding any law to the contrary, provides expenditure authority for the
8 entire CNMI government inclusive of its agencies, instrumentalities, independent
9 agencies, and political subdivisions for Fiscal Year 2027, to include but not be

1 limited to funding for personnel, operations, utilities, programs, and other legal
2 obligations, commencing October 01, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027.

3 The Legislature acknowledges that the CNMI Const. under art. III, sect.,
4 9(a), provides in relevant part that “The governor shall submit to the legislature a
5 proposed annual balanced budget for the following fiscal year. The proposed
6 balanced budget shall describe anticipated revenues of the Commonwealth and
7 recommend expenditures of Commonwealth funds.”

8 Therefore, the Legislature provides this Budget Plan as follows:

9 (a) To provide a budget plan for monthly allotment.

10 (b) To provide that positions that become vacant shall not be filled.

11 ~~(c) Absent any promulgation of rules and regulations, there shall be no~~
12 ~~furloughs until rules and regulations are promulgated by the Civil Service~~
13 ~~Commission. Employees shall be compensated at a rate consistent with 64 hours~~
14 ~~each biweekly period unless funded by sources outside of the General Fund.~~

15 (c) To provide the flexible use of unsuspended revolving and special
16 accounts.

17 (d) To provide the Public School System with funds to cover 64 work hours
18 for its employees and school operations for the first two quarters of the fiscal year
19 of 2027 with the understanding that the CNMI government will seek additional
20 funds including funds in Section 605 and the education tax credits to support the
21 PSS personnel and operations for the remainder of the fiscal year and the Public

1 School System will coordinate and implement an alternative school system that
2 addresses its personnel and operation expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.

3 **Section 103. Definitions.** As used in this Act:

4 (a) "ORG" means Organization Code.

5 (b) "NEW" means that the Legislature hereby authorizes the Secretary of
6 Finance to establish an organization code as set forth therein for the named entity.

7 (c) "Essential function" means a government function whose interruption
8 would:

9 (1) create an immediate risk to the public safety, health, welfare,
10 and education; or

11 (2) result in a violation of a federal grant condition or federal
12 statutory requirement that would cause the CNMI to lose, repay, or
13 be denied federal funds within the current fiscal year.

14 (d) "Critical function" means a government function whose interruption
15 for more than 30 calendar days would:

16 (1) materially impair a legal obligation of the Commonwealth;

17 (2) expose the Commonwealth to civil or federal administrative
18 liability;

19 (3) result in a probable loss of federal funds within the fiscal year;

20 or

21 (4) as determined by the Governor.

1 (e) Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
2 includes:

3 (1) Judicial Branch, which includes the following organization codes:

4	11510600	Justices and Judges
5	11510400	Supreme Court
6	11510300	Superior Court
7	11510100	Judiciary Administrative Office
8	11510500	Law Revision Commission
9	11510700	Drug Court
10	11511000	Mental Health Court

11 (2) Legislative Branch, which includes the following organization codes:

12	11620100	House of Representatives Salaries
13	11620200	House Members Allocation
14	11620300	House Leadership Account
15	11620400	Senator Salaries
16	11620500	Senate Members Allocation
17	11620600	Senate Leadership Account
18	11620700	Legislative Bureau
19	11620800	CNMI Youth Congress

20 (3) Executive Branch, which includes the following departments and offices:

- 1 (A) Offices of the Governor, which includes the following organization
2 codes:
- 3 11261100 Governor's Office
- 4 11269000 Governor's Discretionary Account
- 5 (B) Office of the Lt. Governor
- 6 11262000 Lt. Governor's Office
- 7 11269100 Lt. Governor's Discretionary Account
- 8 (C) Other Offices of the Governor and Lt. Governor
- 9 11260900 Management and Budget
- 10 11260100 Administrative Services
- 11 11260700 CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management
12 Office
- 13 11261800 Office of Youth Affairs (Transferred to DCCA's Division of
14 Youth Services pursuant to E.O. 2026-11)
- 15 11260500 Office of Planning & Development
- 16 11261300 Board of Parole
- 17 11261000 Office of Grants Management
- 18 11261200 Public Defender
- 19 11260200 Carolinian Affairs Office
- 20 11260800 Indigenous Affairs Office
- 21 11261400 Veterans Affairs Office

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1	11261600	Women's Affairs Office
2	11261900	Environmental Quality Saipan
3	11262200	Saipan Zoning Board
4	11260400	Criminal Justice Planning Agency
5	11261500	Vocational Rehabilitation Service
6	11882200	Medicaid Reimbursement
7	11880300	<u>Commonwealth</u> Medicaid Agency
8	11850400	Medicaid Enterprise Systems & Health Information
9		Technology
10	(D) Department of Commerce, which includes the following organization	
11	codes:	
12	11160100	Secretary of Commerce
13	11160300	Economic Development – Saipan
14	11160400	Statistical Research
15	11160200	Alcoholic Beverage & Tobacco Control
16	11160500	Enforcement & Compliance
17	11160600	Workers Compensation Commission
18	Unassigned	Office of Foreign Corporation Liaison
19	(E) Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, which includes the	
20	following organization codes:	
21	11120100	Secretary of DCCA

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1	11120800	Youth Services – Saipan
2	11120900	Child Care Licensing Program
3	11120600	Historic Preservation – Saipan
4	11120700	Office on Aging – Saipan
5	11120200	Council for Arts & Culture (Transferred to MVA pursuant
6		to E.O. 2026-14)
7	11121000	Low Income Home Energy Asst. Program
8	11121200	Chamorro/Carolinian Language Commission
9	11121400	Nutrition Assistance Program
10	(F) Department of Corrections, which includes the following organization	
11	codes:	
12	11130100	Corrections Commissioner
13	11130200	Juvenile Detention Unit
14	(G) Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, which includes	
15	the following organization codes:	
16	11140100	Administration
17	11140300	Emergency Services
18	11140200	Fire Prevention & Arson Investigation
19	11140400	Emergency Medical Services
20	11140500	Logistics and Support
21	11140600	DFEMS Training Section

1 11140700 DFEMS Dispatch Section

2 (H) Department of Finance, which includes the following organization

3 codes:

4 11170100 Secretary of Finance

5 11170800 Finance and Accounting – Saipan

6 11170700 Treasury

7 11170500 Revenue and Taxation – Saipan

8 11170400 Procurement & Supply – Saipan

9 11170900 Customs and Biosecurity Services – Saipan

10 11170200 Office of Information Technology

11 11171000 Passport Office

12 (I) Department of Labor, which includes business codes:

13 11180100 Secretary of Labor

14 11180400 Administrative Hearing Office

15 11180500 Employment Services

16 11180700 Labor Enforcement Fund

17 (J) Department of Lands and Natural Resources, which includes the

18 following organization codes:

19 11190100 Secretary of DLNR

20 11190700 Agriculture

21 11190800 Fish & Wildlife – Saipan

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1 11190400 Parks & Recreation – Saipan

2 11190500 Soil & Water (SPN & NI) District

3 11190900 Land Registration & Survey – Saipan

4 (K) Department of Public Safety, which includes the following organization

5 codes:

6 11150400 DPS Commissioner

7 N/A Executive Protection Services

8 11150500 Police – Saipan

9 11150100 Administrative Division

10 11150300 Motor Vehicles Division

11 (L) Department of Public Works, which includes the following

12 organization codes:

13 11200100 Secretary of DPW

14 11200200 Building Safety Code

15 11200500 Roads and Grounds Division (Transferred to DLNR's

16 Division of Parks and Recreation pursuant to E.O. 2026-10)

17 11200600 Solid Waste Management

18 11200700 Technical Services Division

19 (4) First Senatorial District (Rota) which includes the following the

20 following organization codes:

21 12270100 Mayor Rota

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1	12710100	Municipal Council – Rota
2	12170800	Finance & Accounting – Rota
3	12170500	Revenue & Taxation – Rota
4	12170400	Procurement & Supply – Rota
5	12170900	Customs <u>and Biosecurity</u> Service – Rota
6	12120600	Historic Preservation – Rota
7	12120400	Sports & Recreation – Rota
8	12180100	Labor – Rota
9	12160300	Commerce - Rota (Economic Development Rota)
10	12150500	Police - Rota (DPS)
11	12140100	Fire & EMS – Rota
12	12190700	Agriculture – Rota
13	12190800	Fish & Wildlife – Rota
14	12190400	Parks & Recreation – Rota
15	12190500	Soil and Water Conservation – Rota
16	12190900	Land Registration & Survey – Rota
17	12200100	Public Works - Rota (Operations and Maintenance Rota)
18	12880900	Public Library – Rota
19	(5) Second Senatorial District (Tinian and Aguiguan) which includes the	
20	following organization codes:	
21	13270100	Mayor Tinian

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1	13710100	Municipal Council – Tinian
2	13170800	Finance & Accounting – Tinian
3	13170500	Revenue & Taxation – Tinian
4	13170400	Procurement & Supply – Tinian
5	13170900	Customs <u>and Biosecurity</u> Service – Tinian
6	13120600	Historic Preservation – Tinian
7	13120700	Aging – Tinian
8	13120400	Sports & Recreation – Tinian
9	13180100	Labor – Tinian
10	13160300	Commerce-Tinian (Economic Development Tinian)
11	13150500	Police - Tinian (DPS)
12	13140100	Fire and EMS – Tinian
13	13190700	Agriculture – Tinian
14	13190800	Fish & Wildlife – Tinian
15	13190400	Parks & Recreation – Tinian
16	13190500	Soil & Water Conservation -Tinian
17	13200100	Public Works-Tinian (Operations & Maintenance Tinian)
18	13880900	Public Library – Tinian
19	(6)	Third Senatorial District – Saipan & Northern Islands Mayors &
20	Municipal Council which includes the following organization codes:	
21	11270100	Mayor Saipan

1 14270100 Mayor Northern Islands

2 11710100 Municipal Council Saipan

3 (7) Boards and Commissions which include the following the following
4 organization codes:

5 11110700 Board of Civil Service Commission

6 11111100 Office of Personnel Management – Saipan

7 13111100 Office of Personnel Management – Tinian

8 12111100 Office of Personnel Management – Rota

9 11110200 Commonwealth Election Commission

10 11110500 Board of Professional Licensing

11 11110800 Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

12 11111200 Commonwealth Casino Commission (Transferred to
13 Commonwealth Lottery Commission pursuant to E.O. 2025-02)

14 11110900 Commonwealth Cannabis Commission (Transferred to
15 Department of Commerce pursuant to E.O. 2025-05)

16 (8) “Independent Programs” means government programs under separate
17 boards established by law (unless receiving appropriations or budget authority
18 under another heading), specialized general items of appropriations, and those non-
19 profit corporations and associations or organizations established outside of the
20 Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to which the

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1 Commonwealth Government provides financial assistance includes the following
2 organization codes:

3	11881400	CNMI Scholarship and Financial Assistance Office
4	11881500	Substance Abuse Prevention
5	11880500	Elected Attorney General
6	11884200	25% Retirees' Pension Benefits
7	11881600	NMI DC Employer Contributions
8	11881700	GHLI Retirees
9	11883100	Northern Marianas Sports Association
10	11881800	Gov't Health Insurance Employer Contribution
11		(Active Employees)
12	Unassigned	Government Utilities
13	11880900	Joeten/Kiyu Public Library
14	11884500	General Fund Deficit Reduction
15	11881900	NMIRF - Gov/Lt. Gov Pension
16	11884600	Judgments Against Government
17	11880200	NMI Museum of History and Culture (Transferred to
18		DCCA's Historic Preservation Office pursuant to E.O. 2026-15)
19	11882400	Commonwealth Cancer Association
20	11884400	Government Operational Costs
21		Public Assistance Matching

1 Unassigned CNMI State Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc.

2 (9) Other Programs:

3 11850100 Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. (CHCC Subsidy)

4 11850700 Health Network Program

5 11881000 Northern Marianas College

6 11882100 NMC Board of Regents

7 11881300 Marianas Visitors Authority

8 11881100 Public School System

9 11882000 PSS Board of Education

10 11883300 Micronesian Legal Services Corporation

11 11883500 Northern Marianas Technical Institute

12 NEW Reserved Account

13 (10) Public Corporations which include the following:

14 Commonwealth Economic Development Authority

15 Commonwealth Ports Authority

16 Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

17 Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

18 Office of the Public Auditor

19 Commonwealth Economic Incentive Authority

20 (f) “Earmark” means funds provided by the Legislature for specific projects

21 or programs.

1 (g) “General Revenue” means: Total available resources for FY 2027 less
2 Special Revenue, earmarked funds, debt service payments, other mandatory
3 obligations, and the Department of Public Lands.

4 (h) “Local funds” means locally generated revenues and revenues received
5 pursuant to Section 702 (a) of the Covenant.

6 (i) “Number of Positions”(NOP) means the maximum number of persons
7 that may be employed, pursuant to Article X, Section 7 of the Commonwealth
8 Constitution but does not include Workforce Investment Agency, substitute
9 teachers, summer trainees, teacher aides, physicians, licensed professional nurses
10 and licensed allied health providers working part-time and paid only for
11 instructional time, student-teacher trainees, or short term specialized instructors,
12 such as visiting artists, performers, writers, and the like. For purposes of this
13 exception, “part-time” means employment not exceeding 40 hours in any biweekly
14 pay period, and “short-term” means not more than 90 instructional days of
15 employment within the Public School System during the fiscal year.

16 (j) “Operations” means allocations for all lawful activities other than
17 personnel.

18 (k) “Personnel” means allocations for salaries, employer’s contribution to
19 the Northern Marianas Retirement Fund, the Defined Contribution Plan, overtime,
20 night differential, hazardous pay, and other employee wages and benefits.

1 (l) “Special Account” means a limited special allocation that sets aside an
2 amount for specific purposes. It is not a bank account but a mechanism to increase
3 or decrease an existing special allocation. Special accounts are established by
4 legislation. They are managed as a subset of allocations and are used when other
5 types of funds are not suitable.

6 **CHAPTER II. ESTIMATED REVENUES**

7 **Section 201. Estimated Revenues.** Pursuant to House Concurrent
8 Resolution No. 24-4, SD1 the total estimated revenues and resources approved and
9 identified for Fiscal Year 2027 are as follows:

10	I. The total identified budgetary resources for FY 2027:	<u>\$152,835,208</u>
11	Department of Public Lands:	\$5,777,092
12	Total Revenue Including DPL:	<u>\$158,612,300</u>
13	II. This amount is subject to the following adjustments:	
14	(A) Less Special Revenue Earmarks (Unsuspend):	
15	1) MVA – Hotel (80%) 4 CMC §1803	<u>(\$1,711,243)</u>
16	2) Solid Waste Fund, Tipping/Disposal/User Fees Per	
17	PL 13-42 (2 CMC §3551)	<u>(\$643,966)</u>
18	3) IDC Reimbursement to Office of Grants Management	
19	35%, 1 CMC § 2893	<u>(\$0)</u>
20	4) Vehicle Registration Fees, 9 CMC § 2118	<u>(\$0)</u>
21	5) Operator License Fees (net)(PL20-90)	<u>(\$0)</u>

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1	6) Admiralty and Maritime Fees, 2 CMC § 1222	<u>(\$0)</u>
2	7) Weapon Fees, PL19-73, 6 CMC § 10902	<u>(\$0)</u>
3	8) <u>Commerce Registrar of</u> Corporation Fees, 4 CMC § 4205	<u>(\$0)</u>
4	9) Building Safety Code Fees (PL 06-45)	<u>(\$702,702)</u>
5	10) Solid Waste Fund (7%) of Ex. Tax, 4 CMC §1402(g)(1)	<u>(\$1,336,586)</u>
6	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>(\$4,394,497)</u>
7	(B) Less Debt Services:	
8	(1) 2007A Refunding Bond Payment	<u>(\$3,621,750)</u>
9	(2) 2007B Refunding Bond Payment	<u>(\$3,327,750)</u>
10	(3) 2024A Pension Note Payment (BOG)	<u>(\$5,892,000)</u>
11	(4) MPLT 2025 Loan	<u>(\$5,475,209)</u>
12	(5) Bank Charges	<u>(\$2,397,196)</u>
13	(6) Settlement Fund Agree., Doc. 468-1, 1 CMC § 25302	<u>(\$27,000,000)</u>
14	<u>Subtotal:</u>	<u>(\$47,713,905)</u>
15	ALL Revenue and Resources w/ DPL	\$106,503,898
16	III. Total Resources and Department of Public Lands Resources available	
17	for allocation:	
18	(1) Department of Public Lands	<u>(\$5,777,092)</u>
19	Net Resources Available for Appropriation	<u>\$100,726,806</u>
20	Notwithstanding 1 CMC § 7204, funds for Fiscal Year 2027 shall be allotted	
21	monthly; except programs and agencies that require one-time payments shall	

1 receive advance allotments. These programs include ~~but shall not be limited to: the~~
2 ~~CNMI Scholarship and Financial Assistance Office, the Commonwealth~~
3 ~~Healthcare Corporation, the Commonwealth Medicaid Agency, Medicaid~~
4 ~~Reimbursement, Medicaid Enterprise Systems & Health Information Technology,~~
5 ~~the CNMI Public School System, the Northern Marianas College, and the Northern~~
6 ~~Marianas Technical Institute.~~

7 **Section 202. Suspension of Earmarked Funds.**

8 Except for debt service obligations and other earmarking of funds as
9 permitted in Section 201 of this Chapter, the earmarking, reservation, commitment,
10 allotment, or allocation of funds pursuant to the following public laws are hereby
11 suspended for the Fiscal Year 2027:

12	(a) Tobacco Control – Cigarette Tax, Public Law 13-38:	\$2,036,773
13	(b) CIQ Overtime Revolving Fund:	\$977,393
14	(c) GHLI – 50% Cigarette 4 CMC §1402(g)(3) – PL 18-64:	\$3,394,622
15	(d) Cancer Fund – Cigarette Tax, 4 CMC § 1402(g)(2):	\$572,823
16	(e) PSS Technical Education – 4 CMC § 1503(f):	\$138,253
17	(f) MVA – Alcohol Container (20%), 4 CMC § 1803:	\$87,757
18	(g) NMIRF – Hotel Tax (20%), 4 CMC § 1803:	\$427,811
19	(h) NMIRF – Alcohol Container (30%), 4 CMC § 1803:	\$131,636
20	(i) NMIRF DB Plan Fund – 15% E-gaming, Public Law 18-30,	
21	4 CMC § 1511 (a):	\$302,643

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1	(j) NMIRF – 60% E-gaming, Public Law 18-30,	
2	4 CMC § 1511 (b):	\$1,210,571
3	(k) Developers Infrastructure Tax (100%):	\$448,021
4	(l) Revenue and Taxation Enforcement (4 CMC §1503(c))	\$200,000
5	(m) Drivers License Fees (PL 20-39)	-
6	(n) BMV Fund (9 CMC §2118, §2119)	-
7	(o) Lottery Commission Revenue (PL 03-60)	\$32,457
8	(p) ABTC Enforcement Operations (4 CMC §5578)	\$204,912
9	(q) 3 rd Senatorial District (15% E- gaming PL 18-30)	\$302,643
10	(r) 1 st Senatorial District (5% E-gaming PL 18-30)	\$100,881
11	(s) 2 nd Senatorial District (5% E-gaming PL 18-30)	\$100,881
12	(t) 3 rd and 2 nd Senatorial (PL 20-59, 4 CMC §1508, Amusement/Poker/ Pachinko Slot Machines):	\$1,729,649
14	(u) IDC Reimbursement to Office of Grants Management 35%, 1 CMC § 2893	\$686,639
16	(v) Vehicle Registration Fees, 9 CMC § 2118	\$1,864,376
17	(w) Operator License Fees (net)(PL20-90)	\$440,835
18	(x) Admiralty and Maritime Fees, 2 CMC § 1222	\$178,430
19	(y) Weapon Fees, PL19-73, 6 CMC § 10902	\$37,359
20	(z) <u>Commerce Registrar of Corporation Fees</u> , 4 CMC § 4205	\$236,804

1 Provided, notwithstanding any Commonwealth laws to the contrary, in the
2 event that actual collections exceed the projected amounts indicated in this
3 subsection, and as identified by the Department of Finance on July 1, 2026, any
4 amount collected shall be deposited into the Reserve Account for appropriation by
5 the Legislature ~~not be subject to suspension and shall be automatically transferred~~
6 ~~to the beneficiary entity without further legislative action.~~

7 ~~Provided further, that any amount collected in excess under Section 202(t)~~
8 ~~shall be transferred to Medicaid for state local matching purposes.~~

9 **Section 203. Reporting Requirements for the Secretary of Finance.**

10 (a) Comparison of Actual Revenues Collected and Revenues Estimated.
11 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Secretary of Finance shall submit to
12 the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on
13 Fiscal Affairs and the Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means,
14 at the end of each quarter a fund status report:

15 1) comparing the actual revenues collected and the revenues
16 estimated of all funds allocated for the operations and activities of the
17 Commonwealth Government in this Act; and

18 2) all the funds that have been reprogrammed. The Secretary of
19 Finance shall meet quarterly with the Chairperson of the Senate Committee
20 on Fiscal Affairs and the Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and
21 Means discuss actual revenues collected versus the revenues estimated.

1 (b) Comparison of Actual Expenditures and Allocated Expenditures.

2 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Secretary of Finance shall
3 submit to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, Chairperson of the Senate
4 Committee on Fiscal Affairs and the Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways
5 and Means, at the end of each quarter a fund status report comparing the actual
6 expenditures and appropriated expenditures of all funds allocated for the operations
7 and activities of the Commonwealth Government in this Act.

8 (c) Transfer In and Out Funds. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the
9 Secretary of Finance shall submit to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, at the
10 end of each quarter, a Fund Status Report on the funds transferred in and out each
11 month pursuant to Section 201 of this Act.

12 **CHAPTER III.**

13 **GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND DESIGNATED**

14 **AGENCIES/ACTIVITIES**

15 **Section 301. Budget Plan Act Authority.**

16 Pursuant to 1 CMC § 7206 and as provided herein, budget and expenditure
17 authority for the following activities is hereby approved. Expenditures in excess of
18 the budget authority approved herein for agencies to which General Funds are
19 allocated shall not be incurred or committed and hiring in excess of the number of
20 positions authorized by this Act is prohibited, unless authorized by a legislative
21 joint resolution in accordance with Section 7, Article X of the N.M.I. Constitution.

22 ACTIVITIES

NOP

PERSONNEL OPERATIONS

TOTAL

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1	(a) Commonwealth Economic Development Authority	15	\$1,001,134	\$327,450	\$1,328,584
2	(b) Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation*	~~133~~	~~\$5,045,778~~	~~\$3,614,984~~	~~\$8,660,762~~
3		<u>1,041</u>	<u>\$75,270,092</u>	<u>\$64,037,185</u>	<u>\$139,307,277</u>
4	(c) Commonwealth Ports Authority	212	\$7,121,409	\$11,513,150	\$18,634,559
5	(d) Commonwealth Utilities Corporation	572	\$23,708,275	\$70,172,917	\$93,881,192
6	(e) Marianas Visitors Authority	41	\$1,850,255	\$595,000	\$2,445,255
7	(f) Northern Marianas College	259	\$13,899,201	\$1,364,280	\$15,263,481
8	(g) Northern Marianas Housing Corporation	95	\$2,367,846	\$1,131,874	\$3,499,720
9	(h) Northern Marianas Technical Institute	45	\$1,340,025	\$1,140,109	\$2,480,134
10	(i) Office of the Public Auditor	17	\$1,319,227	\$337,508	\$1,656,735
11	(j) Public Utilities Commission*	5	\$291,000	\$153,550	\$444,550
12	~~(k) Public School System~~	~~972~~	~~\$46,348,531~~	~~\$6,134,390~~	~~\$52,482,921~~
13	Grand Total:	<u>~~2,366~~</u>	<u>~~\$104,292,681~~</u>	<u>~~\$96,485,212~~</u>	<u>~~\$200,777,893~~</u>
14		<u>2,302</u>	<u>\$128,168,464</u>	<u>\$150,773,023</u>	<u>\$278,941,487</u>

15 Notwithstanding the above dollar amounts, the entities above shall expend
16 only the lesser of funds actually generated, collected, received, or the amounts
17 indicated above.

18 **Section 302. Prior Certification of Funds.**

19 No contract shall be entered into with the Commonwealth or any
20 government entity therein without first receiving from the Secretary of the
21 Department of Finance certification that lawful and sufficient funds have been
22 allocated. Notwithstanding any Commonwealth laws, regulations, or provisions to
23 the contrary, this section shall not apply to the Judicial Branch, Legislative Branch,
24 the Public School System, and the Northern Marianas College.

1 **Section 303. Reporting Requirement.**

2 In Fiscal Year 2027, the expenditure authorities of the foregoing activities
3 listed in Section 301, shall submit to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature,
4 Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs and the Chairperson of the
5 House Committee on Ways and Means, a fund status report on the expenditures for
6 personnel and operations of each government entity, and the payments of the public
7 auditor's fee, every quarter and, if applicable, year-to-date totals as of the close of
8 the reporting period.

9 Furthermore, notwithstanding any provisions or laws to the contrary, all
10 additional resources realized within the fiscal year outside of those specified and
11 identified under this Act shall be reported in detail to the Legislature for
12 appropriation purposes.

13 **CHAPTER IV. ADMINISTRATION OF ALLOCATED FUNDS**

14 **Section 401. Management of Funds.**

15 The expenditure of the funds allocated under this Act shall be regulated and
16 controlled by the Secretary of Finance so that no agency, department,
17 instrumentality, program, or activity may expend the funds contrary to the law or
18 fiscal management policies and practices of the Commonwealth.

1 **Section 402. Number of Position(s) (NOP) Ceiling.**

2 Employment Ceilings. Pursuant to Article X, § 7 of the Commonwealth
3 Constitution, the employment ceilings relative to the number of positions are
4 hereby established as set forth in this Act.

5 **Section 403. Donation of Sick Leave.**

6 Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, when an employee volunteers to
7 donate sick leave, the donated sick leave shall be based on the donor's current base
8 hourly salary and shall be converted into equivalent sick leave hours based on the
9 recipient's current base hourly salary. Provided that the donated sick leave hours
10 shall not exceed 1040 hours.¹

11 ~~**Section 404. Work Hours.** Government employees shall be compensated~~
12 ~~at a rate consistent with 64 hours each biweekly period unless funded by sources~~
13 ~~outside of the General Fund.~~

14 **Section 404. Reduction of Work Hours.**

15 During Fiscal Year 2027, notwithstanding any laws or contractual
16 provisions to the contrary, a full pay period for the employment benefit of annual
17 leave, sick leave, or other benefits, shall be earned despite the implementation of
18 austerity measures.

¹ Conversion:

(Sick Leave Hours Donated) multiplied by (Donor's Hourly Base Rate) = (Donor's Donated Dollar Value)

(Donor's Donated Dollar Value) divided by (Recipient's Hourly Base Rate) = (Number of Hours Donated to Recipient)

Example: (Donor donated 100 hours) X (Donor's hourly rate of \$20) = \$2,000
(\$2,000) divided by (Recipient's hourly rate of \$10) = 200 hours to Recipient

1 ~~Section 405. Furloughs. Absent any promulgation of rules and regulations,~~
2 ~~there shall be no furloughs until rules and regulations are promulgated by the Civil~~
3 ~~Service Commission.~~

4 **Section 405. Lump Sum Payment.**

5 During Fiscal Year 2027, notwithstanding any laws or regulations, lump
6 sum payments of annual leave shall be restricted to employees who terminate or
7 separate from government service. This provision shall apply to all CNMI
8 government departments, agencies, instrumentalities, autonomous agencies, and
9 public corporations.

10 **Section 406. Expenditure Authority.**

11 The distribution and expenditure of funds shall be in compliance with the
12 fiscal expenditure authority that the listed agencies have pursuant to the statute and
13 the administrative provisions of this Act.

14 **CHAPTER V. REPROGRAMMING AUTHORITY**

15 **Section 501. Reprogramming Authority**

16 (a) The Governor shall have up to 50% ~~100%~~ reprogramming authority² for
17 the departments, agencies, and offices of the executive branch, provided that the
18 municipal entities shall not be subject to this reprogramming authority without the
19 consent of the mayor. Reprogramming shall not be used for the hiring of new
20 personnel or for the salary adjustment of active personnel. This authority to

² Pursuant to the MPLT Line of Credit Contractual Agreement

1 reprogram shall not apply to the funds allocated to the Legislative or Judicial
2 Branches as well as to those funds appropriated by the respective legislative
3 delegations.

4 (b) Pursuant to 1 CMC § 7402(e), all reprogramming shall be reported in
5 writing to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, the Chairperson of the House
6 Committee on Ways and Means, or the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on
7 Fiscal Affairs within 30 days after the end of each quarter of the fiscal year. Such
8 report shall include a description of each item reprogrammed, the reason for each
9 reprogramming, the change in the approved budget caused by the reprogramming,
10 the cumulative amount of all reprogramming during the fiscal year, and such other
11 information as may be requested by the Chairpersons. The Governor shall submit
12 to the Presiding Officers and Chairpersons an annual summary of all
13 reprogramming activity within 60 days after the end of a fiscal year.

14 (c) Notwithstanding 1 CMC 7401(f), the mayors of all Senatorial Districts
15 shall have 50% reprogramming authority under this Act for the respective mayors'
16 offices.

17 **CHAPTER VI. SUPPLEMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS**

18 **Section 601. Utilities.**

19 (a) The CUC monthly utility billings for all departments and agencies shall
20 be paid by the central government after all the funds in the general revolving
21 accounts are exhausted.

1 (b) For prepaid meter accounts, the authorized designee of the respective
2 government agencies or offices shall follow the protocol of the Department of
3 Finance for timely payment.

4 (c) No funds allocated for utilities shall be reprogrammed.

5 **Section 602. Hiring Restriction.**

6 ~~(a) No new hires for any new position(s).~~

7 ~~(b)~~(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no new or vacant
8 position shall be filled, except for positions that are essential/critical for the delivery
9 of public services as defined in Section103(c). For the purpose of this subsection,
10 "Essential function" means a government function whose interruption would: (1)
11 create an immediate risk to the public safety, health, welfare, and education; (2)
12 result in a violation of a federal grant condition or federal statutory requirement that
13 would cause the CNMI to lose, repay, or be denied federal funds within the current
14 fiscal year. "Critical function" means a government function whose interruption
15 for more than 30 calendar days would: (1) materially impair a legal obligation of
16 the Commonwealth; (2) expose the Commonwealth to civil or federal
17 administrative liability; (3) result in a probable loss of federal funds within the fiscal
18 year; or (4) as determined by the Governor.

19 ~~(e)~~(b) Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, if a Notice of
20 Personnel Action has been executed by the hiring agency or a candidate to fill the
21 vacancy has been selected or action has been initiated to fill the position by any

1 department or agency and filed at the Office of Personnel Management on Rota,
2 Tinian, or Saipan, the vacant position shall be considered as processed and to be
3 filled. The renewal of the contract for an existing employee shall not be considered
4 as creating a vacant position.

5 **Section 603. Salary Cap.**

6 (a) For Fiscal Year 2027, the compensation of appointed officials shall be
7 compensated as set forth in the attached Schedule A and pursuant to 1 CMC § 8245
8 and 1 CMC § 28003. Subject to a Joint Resolution, all salaries for appointed
9 officials shall remain the same as the listed salary in the Governor's FY 2027
10 budget submission on July 1, 2026.

11 (b) Subject to a Joint Resolution, all salaries for excepted service employees
12 shall remain the same as the listed salary in the Governor's FY 2027 budget
13 submission on July 1, 2026.

14 (c) For Fiscal Year 2027, notwithstanding 1 CMC § 8245(c), the annual
15 salary of the Resident Department Heads of the First and Second Senatorial
16 Districts shall be \$40,000.

17 (d) For Fiscal Year 2027, notwithstanding any provision of law to the
18 contrary, all Resident Department Heads of the First and Second Senatorial
19 Districts and CNMI Department Heads shall be subject to austerity measures as
20 provided for by law.

1 **Section 604. Federal Employees to be working 80 hours.**

2 Notwithstanding any laws or regulations to the contrary, all employees who
3 are 100% federally-funded shall be at 80 hours bi-weekly. Provided further that
4 positions partially funded by federal funds, shall remain at 80-hour levels if their
5 federal funding is sufficient to cover the funding difference.

6 **Section 605. Revolving Accounts/Special Accounts.**

7 Subject to constitutional limits, notwithstanding any CNMI and/or local
8 laws, regulations, and rules to the contrary and except for the suspended accounts
9 as provided in Section 202 and special revenue accounts, all general revolving
10 account expenditure limitations and restrictions relating to the scope of application
11 or other subject matter requirements are hereby suspended in FY 2027.

12 ~~Provided further, of all earmarked funds under Section 202(b) [CIQ~~
13 ~~Overtime Revolving Fund], \$500,000.00 shall be reserved for its intended purpose.~~

14 Accordingly, all legally established general and/or special revolving
15 accounts and the funds therein may be expended by their respective expenditure
16 authorities for personnel and operational expenses; including fuel,
17 communications, operational office supplies, utilities, and travel for training
18 purposes. Provided however, unless specifically provided under this Act and not
19 withstanding any law to the contrary, except for the Commerce Registrar of
20 Corporation Fees Revolving Account and the Justice Center Fund, fifty percent
21 (50%) of all revolving accounts and special accounts cumulative balances as of

1 September 30, 2026, shall be reserved and identified by the Department of Finance
2 on November 1, 2026 for appropriation by the legislature for the retirees' benefits
3 and the Public School System not limited to GHII. Provided further that
4 notwithstanding 1 CMC §3405(d)(1), \$200,000.00 of the Justice Center Fund shall
5 be reserved for the traffic enforcement operations of the Department of Public
6 Safety. Provided however that Section 501 of this Act shall not apply to this section.
7 Further, the expenditure authority of each revolving account/special account shall
8 have the authority to utilize funds for operations.

9 **Section 606. Legal Holidays.**

10 Any employee required to work on a non-federal Commonwealth legal
11 holiday shall be paid at the basic salary rate for the hours worked on that day
12 without any additional adjustment for holiday leave with pay. This provision does
13 not apply to employees who are 100% or partially funded with federal funds.

14 **Section 607. Cell #1 and Cell #2 of the Marpi Landfill Closure Financial**
15 **Assurance Mechanism.**

16 In the event of any funding shortfalls caused by this Appropriations Act, the
17 CNMI Government shall commit its full faith and credit when necessary to
18 effectuate the closure of Cell #1 and Cell #2 of the Marpi Landfill.

19 **Section 608. Vacant Positions.** Except as provided under Section 602(b),
20 notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any position that becomes vacant shall be
21 closed out. Unused funds for such position shall go to operation expenses within

1 that department or agency within 30 days upon vacancy unless a request is made to
2 the Legislature for reinstatement of the vacant position, which shall be approved by
3 a joint resolution.

4 **Section 609. DPS Rota and DPS Tinian Detainees.** The Department of
5 Public Safety shall be responsible for all costs and expenses associated with the
6 transportation of all detainees between the senatorial districts for all courts
7 appearances and other legally mandated activities.

8 **Section 610. OGM Funds in Excess of Office of Grants Management**
9 **Budget.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, if the OGM receives funding in
10 excess of \$686,639.00 ~~\$762,173.00~~ that is allotted to OGM as provided under 1
11 CMC § 2893(a), the excess shall be deposited into the Rreserved Account and
12 identified for legislative appropriation for the CNMI's government's obligation to
13 the retirees' benefits and the Public School System, ~~not limited to GHLI~~. The OGM
14 Administrator shall provide a budget and spending plan with respect to all federal
15 grants administered by OGM, to include but not be limited to indirect costs, to the
16 presiding officers of the legislature on or before January 1, 2027.

17 **Section 611. Hazardous Pay.** The Solid Waste Management shall pay
18 hazardous pay owed to the Saipan, Tinian, and Rota employees from the Solid
19 Waste Management Revolving Fund collected under Title 2 section 3551 for Fiscal
20 Year 2027. This obligation shall be prioritized and fully satisfied before any other
21 funds are expended for other programs. With respect to the payment of hazardous

1 pay, there shall be a written report submitted by the Secretary of Finance and the
2 Department of Public Works to the Presiding Officers by the end of first quarter of
3 Fiscal Year 2027.

4 **Section 612. DCCA NAP Sun Bucks Program.** Of the amount
5 appropriated via Schedule A, attached and incorporated by reference hereto, to the
6 Nutritional Assistance Program, the amount of ~~\$160,000~~ \$142,420 shall be allotted
7 for the ~~50% local~~ matching of the NAP Sun Bucks Program. Notwithstanding any
8 provision of this Act to the contrary, the Sun Bucks Program shall not be subject to
9 austerity measures. If the amount of \$142,420 is not obligated or encumbered by
10 July 1, 2027, the amount of \$142,420 shall be deposited into the Reserve Account
11 for appropriation by the Legislature.

12 **Section 613. MVA Earmark.**

13 Any amount in excess of \$1,711,243 for MVA under Section 201(II)(a)(1)
14 on April 30, 2027 shall be deposited into the ~~R~~reserved Account and identified by
15 Department of Finance for appropriation by the Legislature. ~~the retirees' benefits,~~
16 ~~not limited to GHLI; Northern Marianas College; and the CNMI Public School~~
17 ~~System.~~

18 **Section 614. FEMA Reimbursements and Consumer Protection**
19 **Settlement Funds.**

20 (a) Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, any FEMA
21 reimbursements received by the Executive Branch during fiscal year 2027 shall be

1 reserved and identified by the Department of Finance for appropriation by the
2 Legislature.

3 (b) Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, any nonrestricted
4 consumer protection settlement funds received by the CNMI government during
5 fiscal year 2027 shall be reserved and identified by the Department of Finance for
6 appropriation by the Legislature.

7 **CHAPTER VII. APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 **Section 701. In General.**

9 Funds designated in Chapter II as available for allocation for Fiscal Year
10 2027 are hereby allocated pursuant to this Chapter.

11 **Section 702. Appropriation.**

12 The amount of **\$100,726,806** is hereby allocated as set forth in the attached
13 Schedule A as the General Revenues of the Commonwealth available for allocation
14 in FY 2027.

15 **Section 703. Judicial Branch.**

16 (a) The Number of Personnel and appropriations for personnel, operations,
17 and utilities for the Judicial Branch shall be as shown in Schedule A.

18 (b) Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the Chief Justice of the CNMI
19 Supreme Court and Presiding Judge of the CNMI Superior Court may adjust the
20 Judicial Branch work schedule and operating hours that are consistent with
21 available funds for personnel and operations.

1 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in the event of
2 austerity measures, the Chief Justice and the Presiding Judge may use any available
3 non-General Revenue source funds, including revolving accounts, to restore the
4 reduced work hours of the Judicial Branch personnel and operations.
5 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the expenditure authority for the
6 Judicial Branch shall have reprogramming authority to move funding from
7 Personnel to Operations and from Operations to Personnel.

8 **Section 704. Legislative Branch.**

9 The Number of Personnel and allocations for personnel, operations, and
10 utilities for the Legislative Branch shall be as shown in Schedule A.

11 (a) Art. II Sec. 16(e) of the Commonwealth Constitution provides:

12 e) Beginning the second Monday of January 1998, the amount of the
13 ceiling and all other dollar amounts stated in this section shall be adjusted
14 every two years by the same percentage as the percentage change in the
15 United States Department of Commerce composite price index during the
16 two preceding fiscal years using the beginning of the fiscal year 1996 as
17 the base.

18 The allocation ceilings have automatically increased every two years,
19 beginning in January 1998. Using the price composite indexes developed by the
20 Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis for State and Local

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1 Government Consumption Expenditures and Gross Investment, the allocation
2 ceilings for the Legislature for fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024 are as follows:

3 Price Index for All Government Consumption Expenditures and Gross Investment

4 Legislative Branch	Base Ceiling 5 Oct. 1, 1995	Change in Price Index Jan 1, 2020	Ceiling Jan. 1, 2020 Based on Change
6 Members Allocation	\$155,000	60.335%	\$248,519.25
7 Presiding Officers Allocation	\$400,000	60.335%	\$641,340.00
8 Legislative Bureau	\$2,000,000	60.335%	\$3,206,700.00

9 (b) Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the Legislative Bureau
10 Director may adjust the Legislative Branch work schedule and operating hours that
11 are consistent with available funds for personnel and operations.

12 (c) The Legislative Bureau Director may use any available non-General
13 Revenue funds to restore the reduced work hours of the LB personnel.

14 (d) Salaries of Legislative Members.

15 (1) The amount allocated under this section to the House of Representatives
16 under “personnel” shall be used to fund the salaries and benefits of the members of
17 the House of Representatives. The expenditure authority for the amounts allocated
18 shall be the Speaker of the House.

19 (2) The amount allocated under this section to the Senate under “personnel”
20 shall be used to fund the salaries and benefits of the members of the Senate. The
21 expenditure authority for the amounts allocated shall be the President of the Senate.

22 (e) Members’ Office Accounts and Employees.

- 1 (1) Notwithstanding 1 CMC § 7401(c) to the contrary, each member shall
2 be the expenditure authority of the funds allocated to their individual sub-account;
- 3 (2) Funds allocated for the operation of the member's office, including, but
4 not limited to, the personnel costs of the member's employees and expenditures as
5 authorized by the adopted rules of the Senate in the case of the Senate member, or
6 the adopted rules of the House of Representatives in the case of a House member,
7 or the Legislative Bureau, may be expended to defray travel and incidental expenses
8 for the purpose of attending to legislative business; provided that a member may
9 receive a one-month advancement of funds appropriated to his or her office for
10 expenditures;
- 11 (3) Allocation of the maximum number of positions among House members
12 shall be governed by the rules of the House; and
- 13 (4) Allocation of the maximum number of positions among Senate members
14 shall be governed by the rules of the Senate.
- 15 (f) Senate and House Leadership Accounts. The leadership account of each
16 house shall be \$174,516.00. The Presiding Officer of each respective house, or his
17 lawfully authorized designee, shall be the expenditure authority and shall use such
18 funds to support the operations and activities of the House of Representatives and
19 Senate in accordance with its rules, provided that the Presiding Officer distributes
20 a portion of the total allocation in equal amounts to all the standing committees for
21 their operations and activities.

1 (g) Legislative Bureau, ORG 11620700. The Number of Personnel and
2 allocations for personnel, operations, and utilities for the Legislative Bureau shall
3 be as shown in Schedule A. The expenditure authority of the funds allocated for the
4 Legislative Bureau shall be the Director of the Legislative Bureau or authorized
5 designee. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, including any provision
6 of this Act, the expenditure authority for the Legislative Bureau shall have
7 unrestricted reprogramming authority to move funding from Personnel to
8 Operations, which includes Utilities, and from said Operations to Personnel.

9 (h) Salary adjustments. All salary adjustments for the staff of the Legislative
10 Bureau and the Youth Congress shall take effect only with an annual performance
11 evaluation and consultation with the Speaker of the House and the President of the
12 Senate. All adjustments shall be subject to funding.

13 (i) Northern Marianas Youth Congress, ORG 11620800. The Number of
14 Personnel and allocations for personnel and operations for Youth Congress shall be
15 as shown in Schedule A. The expenditure authority is vested in the Director of the
16 Legislative Bureau with the consent of the Speaker of the Northern Mariana Islands
17 Youth Congress.

18 **Section 705. Executive Branch.**

19 The allocation for the Executive Branch shall be as shown in Schedule A.

1 (a) The Governor shall have authority to expend, obligate, encumber, or
2 otherwise commit, all the funds allocated to the Office of the Governor and all
3 Other Offices of the Governor.

4 (b) The Lt. Governor shall be the expenditure authority of the funds
5 allocated to the Office of the Lt. Governor.

6 (c) Of the collections received by the CNMI Passport Office, no less than
7 \$150,000 of the General Revenue funds shall be reserved for the CNMI Passport
8 Office's personnel and operations. This does not affect the Schedule "A"
9 appropriation.

10 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for Fiscal Year
11 2027, all indirect costs shall remain with the Office of Aging, under the Department
12 of Community and Cultural Affairs, for purposes of funding operations and utilities
13 and shall not be transferred to the Office of Grants Management.

14 ~~(e) All earmarked funds under Section 202(b) [CIQ Overtime Revolving~~
15 ~~Fund] shall be utilized for its intended purpose.~~

16 (e) Of the funds allocated to the Division of Customs & Biosecurity
17 Services – Saipan (11170900), \$300,000 shall be used to pay the compensation of
18 custom and biosecurity officers who work outside of normal operating hours to
19 clear incoming flights, sea vessels, or cargo.

20 (f) Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, the Department
21 of Commerce is authorized to expend the cumulative balance of the Commerce

1 Registrar of Corporation Fees Revolving Account under the Department of
2 Commerce to fund its personnel, including 42 NOPS of which 3 are for the
3 Cannabis Commission employees that were transferred to the Division of Alcohol
4 Beverage and Tobacco Control by EO 2025-005, and operations for all its divisions
5 and offices, including the One Stop Business Center for fiscal year 2027.

6 (g) Under the Veteran's Affairs Office, in the event that federal funds
7 become available for the maintenance of the Tinian Veteran's Cemetery and the
8 Rota Veteran's Cemetery, 2 NOPs shall be allocated for each senatorial district.

9 **Section 706. First Senatorial District – Mayor of Rota and Rota**
10 **Municipal Council.**

11 The Number of Personnel and allocations for personnel, operations, and
12 utilities for the First Senatorial District shall be as shown in Schedule A.

13 (a) Except as provided in this section, the Mayor of Rota shall have
14 authority to expend, obligate, encumber, and otherwise commit, all the funds
15 allocated to the First Senatorial District. Additionally, except as provided in this
16 section, in accord with the Superior Court's decision in the case of *Inos v. Tenorio*,
17 the Mayors shall also have expenditure authority over resident government
18 departments in the First and Second Senatorial districts respectively unless the
19 Governor revokes expenditure authority in a manner consistent with the Superior
20 Court's holding in *Inos v. Tenorio*, to wit: expenditure authority over resident
21 departments that are primarily concerned with the delivery of public services can

1 be revoked only on a prior showing of just cause, but the Governor has the
2 discretion to revoke expenditure authority over those departments that are primarily
3 concerned with enforcing the law.

4 (b) Of the funds appropriated to the Rota Mayor's office, \$100,000 shall be
5 used for typhoon recovery costs reimbursable by FEMA. The \$100,000
6 appropriated in this section shall be transferred within a reasonable time by the
7 Department of Finance to the Rota Municipal Treasury upon this Act becoming
8 law.

9 (c) Of the funds allocated to the Division of Customs & Biosecurity
10 Services – Rota (12170900), \$100,000 shall be used to pay the compensation of
11 custom and biosecurity officers who work outside of normal operating hours to
12 clear incoming flights, sea vessels, or cargo.

13 (bd) Rota Municipal Council. Allocations to the Municipal Council shall be
14 divided and distributed equally to each member of the Municipal Council in
15 separate accounts. Each Municipal Council member shall be the expenditure
16 authority of funds distributed to him/her.

17 (ee) The Mayor shall have up to 50% reprogramming authority for the
18 departments, agencies, and offices of the municipality. The mayor shall also report
19 to the Legislature with respect to all exercises of this reprogramming authority on
20 a monthly basis.

1 **Section 707. Second Senatorial District – Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan**
2 **and Tinian Municipal Council.**

3 The Number of Personnel and allocations for personnel, operations, and
4 utilities for the Second Senatorial District shall be as shown in Schedule A.

5 (a) Except as provided in this section, the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan
6 shall have authority to expend, obligate, encumber, or otherwise commit or
7 reprogram, all the funds allocated to the Second Senatorial District. Additionally,
8 in accord with the Superior Court’s decision in the case of *Inos v. Tenorio*, the
9 Mayors shall also have expenditure authority over resident government
10 departments in the First and Second senatorial districts respectively unless the
11 Governor revokes expenditure authority in a manner consistent with the Superior
12 Court’s holding in *Inos v. Tenorio*, to wit: expenditure authority over resident
13 departments that are primarily concerned with the delivery of public services can
14 be revoked only on a prior showing of just cause, but the Governor has the
15 discretion to revoke expenditure authority over those departments that are primarily
16 concerned with enforcing the law.

17 **(b) Of the funds appropriated to the Tinian Mayor’s office, \$100,000 shall**
18 **be used for typhoon recovery costs reimbursable by FEMA. The \$100,000**
19 **appropriated in this section shall be transferred within a reasonable time by the**
20 **Department of Finance to the Tinian Municipal Treasury upon this Act becoming**
21 **law.**

1 (c) Of the funds allocated to the Division of Customs & Biosecurity
2 Services – Tinian (13170900), \$100,000 shall be used to pay the compensation of
3 custom and biosecurity officers who work outside of normal operating hours to
4 clear incoming flights, sea vessels, or cargo.

5 (bd) Tinian Municipal Council. Allocations to the Municipal Council shall
6 be divided and distributed equally to each member of the Municipal Council in
7 separate accounts. The Chairman of the ~~Each~~ Municipal Council ~~member~~ shall be
8 the expenditure authority of funds distributed to him/her.

9 (ee) The Mayor shall have up to 50% reprogramming authority for the
10 departments, agencies, and offices of the municipality. The mayor shall also report
11 to the Legislature with respect to all exercises of this reprogramming authority on
12 a monthly basis.

13 **Section 708. Third Senatorial District – Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of the**
14 **Northern Islands; and Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council.**

15 The Number of Personnel and allocations for personnel, operations, and
16 utilities for the Office of the Mayor of Saipan, Office of the Mayor of the Northern
17 Islands, and the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council shall be as shown
18 in Schedule A.

19 (a) The Mayor of Saipan, the Mayor of the Northern Islands, and the
20 Chairperson of the Municipal Council for Saipan and the Northern Islands or each

1 of their respective designees shall be the expenditure authority for allocations for
2 their respective offices.

3 (b) Of the funds appropriated to the Saipan Mayor's office, \$100,000 shall
4 be used for typhoon recovery costs reimbursable by FEMA.

5 ~~(b)~~ The Mayor(s) shall have up to 50% reprogramming authority for the
6 ~~departments, agencies, and~~ offices of the municipality. The mayor shall also report
7 to the Legislature with respect to all exercises of this reprogramming authority on
8 a monthly basis.

9 **Section 709. Other Programs.**

10 The Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Plan Act for the programs under this section
11 shall be as shown in Schedule A.

12 **(a) Northern Marianas College.** The President of the Northern Marianas
13 College or designee shall be the expenditure authority of the funds under ORG
14 11881000.

15 **(b) NMC Board of Regents.** The Chairperson of the Board of Regents of
16 the Northern Marianas College or designee shall be the expenditure authority of the
17 appropriated funds under ORG 11882100.

18 **(c) Public School System.** The Commissioner of Education or designee
19 shall be the expenditure authority of the allocated funds under ORG 11881100.
20 Funds allocated to PSS shall not be used for any expenses of the Board of

1 Education, for legal fees and costs of litigation including but not limited to any
2 payments for settlements and/or judgments and/or legal representation.

3 (1) Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, of the
4 \$25,028,571 allocated to the Public School System, \$16,177,027.52 shall be
5 allocated for the first two quarters of fiscal year 2027 to cover 64 work hours for
6 its employees and school operations with the understanding that the CNMI
7 government will seek additional funds including those identified in Section 605,
8 Revolving Accounts/Special Accounts [page 29] and educational tax credits to fund
9 the personnel and operations of PSS for the remainder of the fiscal year and the
10 Public School System will coordinate and implement an alternative school system
11 to address its personnel and operation expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.

12 (2) Notwithstanding this Act or any law to the contrary, the Department of
13 Finance shall transfer to the Public School System a monthly allotment of not less
14 than \$2,696,171.25 to fund PSS's 64 work hour personnel and school operations
15 beginning October 2026 through March 2027 and the subsequent monthly
16 allotments shall be based on the remaining budget allocations and any supplemental
17 or additional appropriation for the Public School System.

18 (3) Provided further that the expenditure authority shall provide a detailed
19 expense report in writing to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, the
20 Chairperson of the House Standing Committee on Ways and Means, and the

1 Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on Fiscal Affairs within 30 days
2 after the end of Fiscal Year 2027.

3 (4) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Commissioner of
4 Education shall submit to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, Chairperson of
5 the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs and the Chairperson of the House
6 Committee on Ways and Means, at the end of each month a fund status report of
7 all funds appropriated for the operations and activities of the PSS.

8 (5) The Commissioner of Education shall meet quarterly with the
9 Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs and the Chairperson of the
10 House Committee on Ways and Means to discuss actual revenues collected versus
11 the revenues estimated. Notwithstanding any laws or rules to the contrary, all
12 special accounts under PSS shall not have any limitations.

13 (6) Notwithstanding 4 CMC §§ 1205(b) and 1306(b), any law, or regulation
14 to the contrary, the maximum nonrefundable credit of \$5,000 shall be increased to
15 \$10,000 for education tax credit donations given to the Public School System
16 during fiscal year 2027.

17 (d) **Board of Education.** The Chairperson of the Board of Education or
18 his/her designee shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds under
19 ORG 11882000. The funds appropriated to the Board of Education shall include
20 the cost and expenses of the student and teacher representatives to the Board of
21 Education.

1 (e) The **CNMI Health Network Program** (hereinafter, “HNP”) (formerly
2 known as CNMI Medical Referral Program). The Commonwealth Healthcare
3 Corporation shall administer the HNP or its successor, including both inter-island
4 and off-island referrals, consistent with its duties and responsibilities under 3 CMC
5 § 2821 *et seq.* More specifically, the inter-island medical referral services shall
6 include stipends, airfare, and lodging for patients and escorts, which is consistent
7 with the off-island medical referral program. The expenditure authority for all funds
8 appropriated to inter-island and off-island medical referral services and
9 administration (inclusive of ORG 11850100, 11850700, and any new organizations
10 codes established for CHCC Medical Referral) shall be the CEO of the
11 Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation or designee. Provided further that
12 \$150,000 of the funds allocated to the HNP, ORG 11850700, shall be used
13 exclusively for inter-island medical referral.

14 (f) **Northern Marianas Technical Institute.** The Chairperson of the Board
15 of Trustees or designee in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer shall be
16 the expenditure authority of the allocated funds for the Northern Marianas
17 Technical Institute.

18 **Section 710. Independent Programs.**

19 The Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Plan Act for the agencies under this section
20 shall be as shown in Schedule A.

1 (a) **Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.** The Chairperson of the Commonwealth
2 Library Council or designee shall be the expenditure authority of the allocated
3 funds.

4 (b) **Elected Attorney General.** The Attorney General or designee shall be
5 the expenditure authority of the allocated funds.

6 Notwithstanding any laws, rules, or regulations to the contrary, all of the
7 funds collected for services rendered by the Office of the Attorney General to
8 Autonomous Agencies and other agencies shall be reserved to fund the
9 Investigative Division, under the Office of the Attorney General, for the purpose of
10 prosecuting white-collar crimes. For the purpose of this section, “white collar
11 crimes” means non-violent offenses committed for financial gain through deceit,
12 concealment, or a violation of trust, which includes, but not limited to, fraud,
13 embezzlement, money laundering, bribery, and identity theft.

14 (c) **Public Assistance Program.** The expenditure authority of the funds
15 allocated for the Public Assistance Program shall be the Governor’s Authorized
16 Representative.

17 (d) **Commonwealth Medicaid Program Agency.** The funds allocated in
18 this Act for the Medicaid Program, including Medicaid Reimbursement, ORG
19 11882200, Medicaid Agency, ORG 11880300, and Medicaid Enterprise Systems
20 & Health Information Technology, ORG 11850400 shall be deemed a single budget
21 reserved for the purposes of Medicaid Agency, Medicaid Reimbursement, and

1 Medicaid Enterprise Systems & Health Information Technology. The Director of
2 the Commonwealth Medicaid Agency may reallocate the funds allocated in this Act
3 to any of the expenditure categories, including, but not limited to, Medicaid
4 Agency, Medicaid Reimbursement, and Medicaid Enterprise Systems & Health
5 Information Technology. Provided further, notwithstanding any other law to the
6 contrary, for Fiscal Year 2027, pursuant to the request of Commonwealth Medicaid
7 Agency, with the concurrence of the Office of Personnel Management, all of the 20
8 NOPs for the Medicaid Enterprise Systems & Health Information Technology
9 funded under ORG 11850400 shall be excepted service contract employees.

10 In addition, Notwithstanding Public Law 21-28 or any other provision of
11 law to the contrary, the Commonwealth Medicaid Agency is authorized up to
12 twenty (20) NOP positions funded through Medicaid administrative funding for
13 which one hundred percent (100%) federal financial participation is available.
14 Such positions shall be authorized as excepted-service contract employees, subject
15 to applicable federal requirements and the terms and conditions governing the
16 federal funding source.

17 **(e) CNMI Scholarship and Financial Assistance Office.** Of the funds
18 allocated to the CNMI Scholarship and Financial Assistance Office, \$50,000 shall
19 be used to fund the Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) established
20 under 3 CMC § 11101 and \$100,000 shall be used to pay the annual license fee of
21 WICHE, as shown in Schedule A.

1 ~~(f) Reserved Account. Any amount in excess of \$8,393,900.50 per month~~
2 ~~shall be deposited in the Reserved Account and shall be identified by the~~
3 ~~Administration at the end of the third quarter of the fiscal year for appropriation~~
4 ~~purposes by the Legislature.~~

5 (gf) For programs and activities not specifically mentioned, the expenditure
6 authority shall be the Secretary of Finance.

7 **Section 711. Department of Public Lands.**

8 (a) Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2803 of the Commonwealth Code, Department of
9 Public Lands (DPL) submitted a budget of \$5,777,092. The funds allocated to the
10 personnel budget of DPL reflects an 80 hour work schedule per pay period. The
11 DPL, pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement, executed on February 17, 2023,
12 between DPL and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources (DLNR) is
13 authorized to pay for services provided by the personnel of the DLNR, not limited
14 to the Division of Parks and Recreation, of all three senatorial districts. Provided
15 further, DPL shall provide payments for the landscaping and ground maintenance
16 of all properties that fall under the purview of Parks and Recreation.

17 (b) Pursuant to a formal Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the
18 Department of Public Lands and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources
19 (DLNR), and the Mayors of Rota and Tinian & Aguiguan, DPL is authorized to
20 expend up to \$800,000 annually for maintenance and security of public lands,
21 including designated parks, recreational areas, and other real estate properties,

1 inclusive of the former Rota Resort, the former Tinian Dynasty, the former Kanoa
2 Resort, and the former Marianas Resort, under DPL's jurisdiction.

3 **Section 712. Financial Data and Transparency Information Access.**

4 (a) Access Provided to Legislative Fiscal Analysts.

5 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, training and access
6 to the following shall be provided:

7 (1) The Munis Financial Management Information System or other
8 financial and accounting system to obtain the following: monthly
9 collections and expenditures, including but not limited to funds status, and
10 detailed expenditure reports in a format that is exportable or convertible to
11 Excel files; and

12 (2) The following reports in a format that is exportable or
13 convertible to Excel files shall be provided to the CNMI Legislative Fiscal
14 Analysts 30 days after the effective date of this Act:

15 (A) All revolving accounts;

16 (B) All business activities listed in Schedule A;

17 (C) All accounts listed as earmarks in the Budget Authority Act;

18 (D) All debt service payments, including payments to the Settlement
19 Fund, and Series A and Series B Funds;

1 (E) All revenue accounts in the First, Second, and Third Senatorial
2 Districts that are identified as budgetary resources in the Budget
3 Authority Act;

4 (3) Any other financial information, not legally privileged or
5 protected, relating to the CNMI Government's expenditure of public funds,
6 as needed and requested, in writing, within 10 days of said request.

7 **Section 713. Reporting Requirement.**

8 In Fiscal Year 2027, the expenditure authorities of the foregoing activities
9 listed in Chapter 7 and the CNMI Public School System, shall submit to the
10 Presiding Officers of the Legislature, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on
11 Fiscal Affairs and the Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means, a
12 fund status report on the expenditures for personnel and operations of each
13 government entity, and the payments of the public auditor's fee, for the quarter
14 ended and, if applicable, year-to-date totals as of the close of the reporting period.

15 **CHAPTER VIII. NON GENERAL REVENUE SOURCES**

16 **Section 801. Administrative Provisions.**

17 (a) Notwithstanding 1 CMC § 7204, the non-General Revenue source funds
18 allocated for Fiscal Year 2027 shall be allotted monthly; except programs that
19 require one-time payments may receive advance allotments.

20 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Secretary of Finance shall
21 submit to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, at the end of each quarter, a

1 fund status report on the non-General Revenue sourced funds that are transferred
2 in and out of government organizational codes and their respective accounts,
3 pursuant to Section 802 of this Act.

4 **Section 802. Non General Revenue Sources.**

5 (a) Tobacco Settlement Funds. Pursuant to 3 CMC § 2173 and the funds
6 allocated in this section pursuant to the submittal of a program and expenditure plan
7 to the Secretary of Finance, the Tobacco Settlement funds in the amount of
8 \$541,597.00, not subject to reprogramming or fiscal year limitation, shall be
9 allocated as follows:

10	(1) Public Health	\$284,338.40
11	(2) CNMI Public School System	\$108,319.40
12	(3) Coalition of Private Schools	\$40,619.80
13	(4) Mayor of Rota	\$54,159.70
14	(5) Mayor of Tinian	\$54,159.70

15 The expenditure authorities of the funds allocated pursuant to this Section
16 802(a) shall be the persons authorized by law for each respective office or agency.
17 The expenditure authorities shall provide accountability and transparency by
18 providing within 30 days after the end of each quarter an expenditure report of the
19 funds to the governor and the Presiding Officers of the Legislature.

20 (b) Commonwealth Worker Fund (Source: U.S.P.L. 115-218).

1 In accordance with U.S. Public Law 115-218, the sum of \$894,650.00 in
2 Commonwealth Worker Fee Funds shall be available for the sole and exclusive
3 purpose of funding vocational education, apprenticeships, or other training
4 programs for United States workers by Commonwealth educational entities for
5 Fiscal Year 2027. Provided that out of the \$894,650.00 the following amounts shall
6 be allocated for the sole and exclusive purpose of funding vocational education,
7 apprenticeships, or other vocational training programs for United States workers:

8	(1) NMTech:	\$536,790.00
9	(2) NMC:	\$134,197.50
10	(3) CNMI DOL Registered Apprenticeship	\$134,197.50
11	(4) PSS	\$35,786.00
12	(5) CNMI DOL Administrative Cost	\$53,679.00

13 The expenditure authorities of all Commonwealth educational entities that
14 receive Commonwealth Worker Fee Funds shall submit to the Presiding Officers
15 of the Legislature, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs and the
16 Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means, at the end of each
17 quarter, a fund status report of the funds allocated under this subsection. Provided
18 further, for purposes of data collection, all expenditure authorities shall 1) require
19 all expenditure authorities of CW funds to register with the Department of Labor
20 and 2) report on the status of all recipient placement into the workforce (or non-
21 placement) of said funding.

1 The recipients of the funds in this subsection shall submit to the Governor
2 and the Department of Labor the required education plans consistent with and
3 mandated by U.S. Public Law 115-218.

4 (c) In the event that non general revenue sources are available to fund GHLI,
5 such funds shall be used to pay for GHLI premiums and shall not be reprogrammed
6 for any other purpose.

7 (d) Reporting Requirement. The expenditure authorities of the funds
8 allocated pursuant to Section 802 shall provide accountability and transparency by
9 providing within 30 days after the end of each quarter an expenditure report of the
10 funds to the Governor and the Presiding Officers of the Legislature.

11 **Section 803. Community Disaster Loan Financing.** The Legislature
12 recognizes that the Commonwealth's FY 2027 fiscal condition presents a
13 substantial risk to the continuity of essential public services and may require
14 reductions in government operating hours, furloughs, or other measures that
15 adversely affect the delivery of public services. The Legislature therefore requests
16 the Executive Branch to pursue all federally available Community Disaster Loan
17 financing for which the Commonwealth is eligible and to use approved loan
18 proceeds, to the maximum extent permitted by federal law, to preserve essential
19 governmental services and reduce the need for furloughs, reductions in hours, and
20 other measures that would impair the delivery of those services in Fiscal Year
21 2027.”

1 **CHAPTER IX. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

2 **Section 901. Severability.** If any provision of this Act, or its application to
3 any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other
4 provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid
5 provision or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

6 **Section 902. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein
7 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or
8 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted
9 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
10 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have
11 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability civil or criminal,
12 which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes effective.

13 **Section 903. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect on or after October
14 1, 2026, upon its approval by the Governor, or it becoming law without such
15 approval.

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