

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Session, 2026

H. B. 24-104

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To earmark the Phyto Sanitary Certificate and the Certificate of Origin fees collected by the Customs and Bio-Security, and for other purposes.

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

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.**

2 The Legislature finds that currently, the Office of Customs and Bio-Security
3 charges \$10.00 for a Phytosanitary Certificate and \$5.00 for a Certificate of Origin.
4 The fees collected are deposited in the CNMI Treasury.

5 The Legislature finds that the Office of Customs and Bio-Security in each
6 senatorial district needs additional funds for the respective offices.

7 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to earmark the fees collected so that the
8 fees remain in the senatorial district in which the fees are collected.

9 **Section 2. Enactment.** Subject to the codification by the Commonwealth
10 Law Revision, the following is enacted to read:

11 “Section 101. Special Account and Deposit.

12 (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the fees collected in each

1 respective senatorial district for the Phytosanitary Certificate and
2 Certificate of Origin by the Customs and Bio-Security shall be deposited
3 in a special account of each senatorial district.

4 (b) The Secretary of Finance shall establish three separate special accounts
5 as follows:

6 (1) “First Senatorial District Phytosanitary Certificate and Certificate of
7 Origin Special Account”;

8 (2) “Second Senatorial District Phytosanitary Certificate and Certificate
9 of Origin Special Account”; and

10 (3) “Third Senatorial District Phytosanitary Certificate and Certificate of
11 Origin” Special Account.”

12 Section 102. Authorized Use of the Deposited Funds.

13 The funds deposited in the respective special accounts shall be used by the
14 respective Customs & Bio-Security offices for supplies, equipment, and other
15 operational needs.

16 Section 103. Expenditure Authority.

17 (a) The expenditure authority of the funds deposited in Section 101(b)(1)
18 shall be the Resident Director, Rota Customs & Bio-Security.

19 (b) The expenditure authority of the funds deposited in Section 101(b)(2)
20 shall be the Resident Director, Tinian Customs & Bio-Security.

21 (c) The expenditure authority of the funds deposited in Section 101(b)(3)

