

**TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**

**LEGISLATURE**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

To appropriate revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

**DELEGATION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF  
THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2       The purpose of this Act is to appropriate local funds from the revenues  
3 collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

5       Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the  
6 contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the Saipan  
7 and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates  
8 \$230,000.00 of the revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to  
9 Public Law 20-59 as follows:

1 (A) \$150,000.00 to support the operations of the Pacific Behavior Center  
2 for healthcare and mental health services that are made equally available to the  
3 entire community, expenditure authority under 2(A) shall be the Secretary of the  
4 Department of Finance or his/her designee;

5 (B) \$5,000.00 to support the operations of the Marianas Business Network  
6 to provide services that support and promote small businesses and economic  
7 opportunities in the CNMI and are made equally available to the entire community,  
8 expenditure authority under 2(B) shall be the Secretary of the Department of  
9 Finance or his/her designee;

10 (C) \$40,000.00 for the operations of the Saipan Humane Society,  
11 expenditure authority under 2(C) shall be the Secretary of the Department of  
12 Finance or his/her designee; and

13 (D) \$35,000.00 for the operations of the Northern Marianas Protection &  
14 Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI), expenditure authority under 2(D) shall be the  
15 Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee.

16 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

20 **SECTION 4. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

21 Expenditure authorities of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act

1 shall be responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of  
2 Finance and the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative  
3 Delegation by the end of the 2025 calendar year. Provided further, that any entity  
4 that fails to report all expenditures of funds received under this Act shall be  
5 ineligible to receive future appropriations from the Saipan and Northern Islands  
6 Legislative Delegation.

7 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

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

13 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

21 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Prefiled: 6/11/25

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_

Rep. Joel C. Camacho

Reviewed for legal sufficiency by:

House Legal Counsel

Date: 6/11/25