



GOV. COMM. 24-176
(HOUSE)

David M. Apatang
Governor

Dennis James C. Mendiola
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

August 19, 2026

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

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
House of Representatives; Twenty-Fourth Northern
Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

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Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **Senate Bill No. 24-38**, entitled, "To rename the DPS Boating Safety Building to the "Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station" in recognition of his contributions and dedication to ensuring the safety of the public in the surrounding waters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.", which was passed by the Senate of and the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 24-37**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

DAVID M. APATANG
Governor

TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE
RECEIVED BY [Signature]
DATE 8/19/2026 TIME 4:20pm

cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision Commission;
Public Auditor; Department of Public Safety; Acting Special Assistant for Administration
Programs and Legislative Review



**THE SENATE
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE**

SENATE BILL NO. 24-38

AN ACT

To rename the DPS Boating Safety Building to the “Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station” in recognition of his contributions and dedication to ensuring the safety of the public in the surrounding waters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

SENATE ACTION

Offered by Senator(s): Manny Gregory Tenorio Castro

Date: June 24, 2025

Referred to: Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law

Standing Committee Report No.: 24-52 adopted on 02/04/26

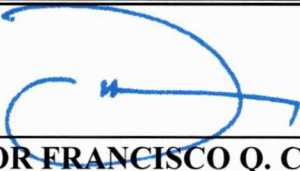
Final Reading: February 04, 2026

HOUSE ACTION

Referred to: Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations

Standing Committee Report No.: 24-55

Final Reading: July 28, 2026


**SENATOR FRANCISCO Q. CRUZ
SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY**



THE SENATE
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2025 **S.B. NO. 24-38**

AN ACT

To rename the DPS Boating Safety Building to the “Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station” in recognition of his contributions and dedication to ensuring the safety of the public in the surrounding waters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that Jose Camacho Sablan
2 dedicated nearly 20 years of service as a sworn officer in blue, protecting the community of
3 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

4 The Legislature recognizes that Jose Camacho Sablan began his journey in January
5 1977 as a Police Officer I of the Department of Public Safety. Through his unwavering
6 dedication and commitment, he advanced to Police Officer II in October 1978 and then Police
7 Officer III in January 1980. In August 1980, Jose Camacho Sablan transitioned to a detective
8 in the department, where he remained until his promotion to Police Sergeant in April 1982, a
9 position he held for nearly seven years. In November 1988, Jose Camacho Sablan was
10 elevated to Police Lieutenant, and due to his extensive knowledge and skills, he was quickly
11 promoted to Police Captain in September 1989. In March 1991, Jose Camacho Sablan took on
12 the role of Assistant Chief of Police for the Boating Safety Division, where he proudly served
13 the Commonwealth until his retirement in July 1996.

14 The Legislature further finds that Jose Camacho Sablan has earned multiple training
15 certificates and accolades throughout his time with the Department of Public Safety. This not
16 only highlighted his dedication to sharpening his skills to best serve his community but also

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1 demonstrated his commitment to enhancing his leadership in order to effectively support his
2 fellow officers. Such certificates and awards kept on file include, but are not limited to, the
3 following: Federal Bureau of Investigation Certificate of Attendance Bombing Crime Scene
4 School (September 21-26, 1986); Law Enforcement Officers Training School Certificate of
5 Attendance Basic Criminal Investigation (July 25-29, 1988); Coast Guard Certificate of
6 Training for the U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Area Training Team One Maritime Law
7 Enforcement (September 16, 1988); Certificate of Accomplishment Basic Supervisory
8 Management Workshop (November 10, 1988); Certificate of Accomplishment Timekeepers
9 Workshop 12-Hours (October 5-7, 1988); Certificate of Accomplishment Basic Supervisory
10 Management Workshop 32-Hours (November 7-10, 1988); DPS Certificate of Completion
11 Basic Supervisory Motivation Training Class 16-Hours In-Service (October 13, 1988); Law
12 Enforcement Officers Training School Critical Incident Management (September 24-28,
13 1990); Federal Emergency Management Agency Certificate of Achievement Exercise Design
14 Course (June 15, 1990); Northwestern University Traffic Institute Civil Liability for Police
15 Administrators (1991); CNMI Valor Award for his courage involving a high degree of
16 personal risk in the face of danger from Rota (May 15, 1992); United States Coast Guard
17 Reserve Training Center Maritime Law Enforcement School National Boating Safety Course
18 (January 16, 1992); CNMI Office of the Governor Certificate of Appreciation (September 23,
19 1992); Federal Emergency Management Agency Certificate of Achievement Hazardous
20 Materials Workshop (August 16-20, 1993); and National Fire Academy Certificate of
21 Training Initial Response to Hazardous Materials Emergencies Basic Concepts (August 20,
22 1993).

23 Jose Camacho Sablan's achievements underscore the importance of continuous
24 professional development in law enforcement, where evolving challenges demand a proactive
25 approach to learning and leadership. His accomplishments serve as an inspiring example of
26 how dedication to personal and professional growth can contribute to the overall safety and
27 well-being of the community. Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to honor Jose Camacho
28 Sablan's contributions and dedication to ensuring the safety of the public in the surrounding
29 waters of the CNMI by renaming the DPS Boating Safety Building to the "Jose Camacho

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Sablan Boating Safety Station”.

Section 2. Amendment. Subject to the codification by the Commonwealth Law Revision, Title 1, General Provisions, Chapter 4, Article 2, of the Commonwealth Code is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

“§ 101. (a) DPS Boating Safety Building Renamed. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) Boating Safety Building located at the Smiling Cove Marina on Saipan is renamed to the ‘Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station’ in recognition of his contributions and dedication to ensuring the safety of the public in the surrounding waters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This Act shall have a perpetual effect, as this building or any building in which the Boating Safety Division establishes office due to construction, relocation, renovation improvements, or any reason thereafter shall then be duly renamed the ‘Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station’.

(b) Dedication. The Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, in coordination with the DPS Commissioner and Jose Camacho Sablan and his family, shall prepare a plan of dedication within sixty days from the effective date of this Act.”

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Savings Clause. This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the

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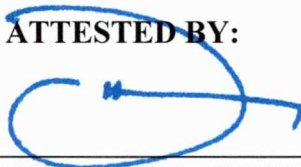
1 Governor or becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:



KARL R. KING-NABORS
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ATTESTED BY:



FRANCISCO Q. CRUZ
SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

Approved this 19th day of August, 2026



DAVID M. APATANG
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 24-52
Date: December 2, 2025
RE: Senate Bill No. 24-38

5- Adopted 2/4/26 Dec

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. 24-38 was referred, entitled:

“To rename the DPS Boating Safety Building to the 'Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station' in recognition of his contributions and dedication to ensuring the safety of the public in the surrounding waters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”

begs leave to report as follows:

I. RECOMMENDATION:

After considerable discussion and deliberation, your Committee recommends the passage of Senate Bill No. 24-38 in its current form.

II. ANALYSIS:

A. Purpose:

The purpose of Senate Bill No. 24-38 is to recognize the contributions of Jose Camacho Sablan and his dedication to ensuring the safety of the public in the surrounding waters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by renaming the DPS Boating Safety Building to the “Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station”.

B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee finds that Mr. Jose Camacho Sablan is a retired law enforcement officer who proudly served alongside his fellow officers in blue under the CNMI Department of Public Safety (DPS). With nearly 20 years of dedicated service, Mr. Sablan made a lasting impact with the department during his tenure with the DPS Boating Safety Division. He was recognized for his resourcefulness, skillful training, and unwavering passion for serving and protecting those who ventured into the surrounding waters of the Commonwealth.

Your Committee further finds that Senate Bill No. 24-38 intends to honor Mr. Sablan's selfless contributions to the safety and well-being of mariners by renaming the DPS Boating Safety Building to the "Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station".

Your Committee met on December 2, 2025, to formally discuss the proposed legislation. In consideration of the testimonies presented in support of the proposed legislation, during the Senate Session on July 14, 2025, where Senate Bill No. 24-38 appeared on the Agenda, the renaming of the Boating Safety Building serves as a meaningful tribute to Mr. Sablan, who has positively impacted the community. Accordingly, your Committee supports the intent of the proposed legislation and recommends the passage of Senate Bill No. 24-38 in its current form.

C. Legislative History:

Senate Bill No. 24-38 was formally introduced by Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro on June 24, 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.** No public hearing was scheduled for Senate Bill No. 24-38. However, a committee meeting, which is open to the public, was held on December 2, 2025. See below for further details.
2. **Committee Meeting.** The proposed legislation made its first 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. Honorable Ramon "RB" Jose Blas Camacho, Mayor of the Municipality of Saipan, *letter dated August 5, 2025*
- b. Department of Public Safety, *no comment received*

E. Estimated Fiscal Cost:

No fiscal analysis was prepared for the proposed legislation.

However, the enactment of Senate Bill No. 24-38 will result in minimal costs to the Commonwealth that are limited primarily to updating signage and official documents that can be absorbed within the existing operational budget. However, the opportunity to honor Mr. Jose Camacho Sablan for his selfless and longstanding contributions to the Commonwealth outweighs the minimal costs.

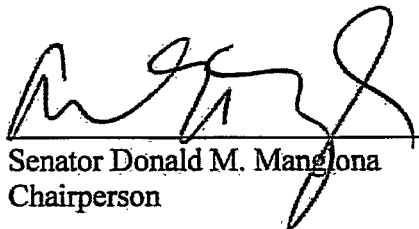
F. Summary of Committee Amendments:

Your Committee agreed that no further amendments were needed.

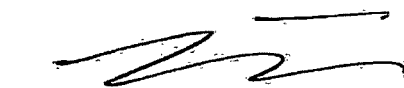
III. CONCLUSION:

Your Committee agrees with the intent and purpose of the proposed legislation and recommends the passage of Senate Bill No. 24-38 in its current form.

Respectfully submitted,

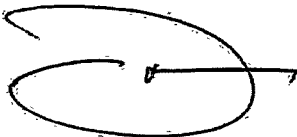


Senator Donald M. Mangiona
Chairperson



Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro
Vice Chairperson

Senator Celina R. Babauta
Member

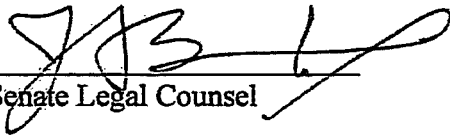


Senator Ronnie M. Calvo
Member

Senator Francisco Q. Cruz
Member

Senator Corina L. Magofna
Member

Reviewed by:


Senate Legal Counsel

Attachment(s):

1. Written Testimonies:

- a. Honorable Ramon "RB" Jose Blas Camacho, Mayor of the Municipality of Saipan,
letter dated August 5, 2025



TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND
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JOEL C. CAMACHO
CHAIRMAN

Adopted - 7/28/2024 ✓✓
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 24-55
DATE: June 24, 2026
RE: Senate Bill No. 24-38

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations to which was referred:

Senate Bill No. 24-38: "To rename the DPS Boating Safety Building to the "Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station" in recognition of his contributions and dedication to ensuring the safety of the public in the surrounding waters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands."

begs leave to report as follows:

I. RECOMMENDATION:

After considerable discussion, your Committee recommends that Senate Bill No. 24-38 be passed by the House in its current form.

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DATE *7/26/2024* TIME *14:30 PM*

II. ANALYSIS:

A. Purpose:

The purpose of Senate Bill No. 24-83 is to rename the DPS Boating Safety Building to the "Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station."

B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee finds that Jose Camacho Sablan led a longstanding career full of integrity, purpose, and dedication especially in his service towards the Department of Public Safety. Through his nearly 20 year long service to the department, he has risen through the ranks to eventually become Police Captain and later, Assistant Chief of Police for the Boating Safety Division until retiring in 1996. Throughout the expanse of his dedication, he received numerous, well-deserved recognitions, certificates, and accolades that highlight his commitment to the Department of Public Safety and to the people of the CNMI. As a result, your Committee fittingly renames the DPS Boating Safety Building to "Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station" to commemorate his many years of committed public service. Therefore, your Committee supports the intent of the proposed legislation and also recommends the passage of Senate Bill No. 24-38 in its current form.

C. Public Comments/Public Hearing:

Public comments were not solicited, and no comments were received.

D. Legislative History:

Senate Bill No. 24-38 was formally introduced in the Senate by Senator Manny T. Castro on June 24, 2025, and subsequently referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law for disposition. Senate Bill No. 24-38 was passed on Final Reading by the Senate on February 4, 2026. Senate Bill 24-38 was then transmitted to the House of Representatives for action on February 5, 2026. On February 9, 2026, Senate Bill 24-38 was conferred to the House Standing Committee on Judicial and Governmental Operations for disposition.

E. Cost Benefit:

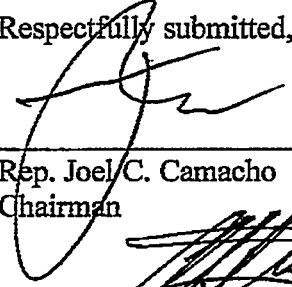
The enactment of House Bill No. 24-38 will incur minimal costs to the CNMI government to update the signage to reflect the building's renaming.

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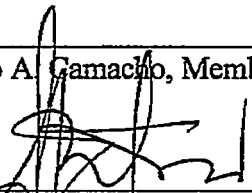
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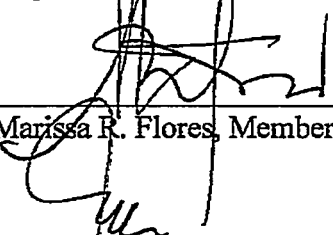
Your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of Senate Bill No. 24-38 and recommends its passage in its current form.

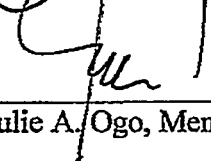
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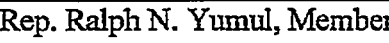

Rep. Joel C. Camacho
Chairman


Rep. Vincent S. Aldan, Member

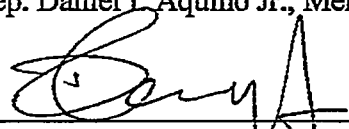

Rep. Angelo A. Camacho, Member

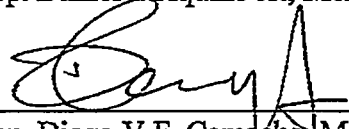

Rep. Marissa R. Flores, Member


Rep. Julie A. Ogo, Member


Rep. Ralph N. Yumul, Member


Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao
Vice Chairman

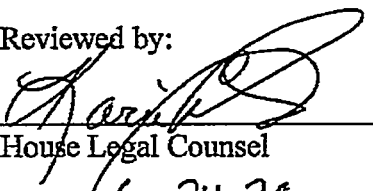

Rep. Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Member


Rep. Diego V.F. Camacho, Member


Rep. Joseph A. Flores, Member


Rep. John Paul P. Sablan, Member

Reviewed by:


House Legal Counsel

Date: 6-24-26