



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

Victor B. Hocog
Lieutenant Governor

The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
Twentieth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

12 JUN 2017



The Honorable Rafael S. Demapan
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twentieth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law, with the exception of a disapproved part, House Local Bill 20-3, D2, as passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

House Local Bill 20-3, D2 appropriates \$340,234.49 of the funds realized for the Third Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-30 for various projects and programs within the Third Senatorial District.

The only part of the enactment I disapprove of is Section 2(d) of the bill. Section 2(d) would have appropriated \$13,000 for the Mount Carmel School (MCS) Mock Trial Club.

While I understand that the intent of this appropriation was to assist the club fund its travel and registration costs to the 2017 National High School Mock Trial Championship as the CNMI National Team, it came to my attention that the club had already raised enough funds to cover the costs not covered by the Public School System.

MCS reports that additional funds are no longer needed to cover any remaining expenses for the team and has declined the appropriation accordingly. At the school's request, I am disapproving this section.

HOUSE CLERK'S OFFICE
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I respectfully ask the Delegation to re-appropriate these funds for a different project or program that serves a public purpose within the Third Senatorial District.

This bill, with the exception of the aforementioned vetoed portion, becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 20-02.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ralph DLG. Torres', enclosed within a circular scribble.

RALPH DLG. TORRES

cc: Lt. Governor; Secretary of Finance; Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of Northern Islands; Chairman, SNI Municipal Council; Northern Marianas Sports Association; Mt. Carmel School; Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review; Acting Press Secretary



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2017**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 20-3, D2

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

**To appropriate funds realized under Public Law No. 18-30 for various projects
and programs in the Third Senatorial District.**

Offered by

**Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Francisco C. Aguon, Donald C. Barcinas, Francisco
S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst,
Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and, Edmund S. Villagomez**

on

January 20, 2017

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on February 6, 2017

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred To : SNILD Committee on Ways & Means (2/6/17)
**Comments Solicited : Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of Northern Islands;
Chairman, SNI Municipal Council (2/6/17)**
Comments Received : Mayor of Saipan (2/22/17)
Mayor of Northern Islands (5/18/17)
Standing Committee Report : SCR No. 20-2
Passed First & Final Reading : May 19, 2017 (w/D2)

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Alicia DLG. Leon Guerrero, Delegation Clerk



SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
Third Senatorial District
Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION

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

SECTION 1. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds realized under Public Law No. 18-30 for various projects and programs in the Third Senatorial District.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.

Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws or regulations to the contrary, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates the Three Hundred Forty Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Four and 49/100 (\$340,234.49) of the funds realized for the Third Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-30 for various projects and programs within the Third Senatorial District.

a) Two Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$220,000.00) to the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Saipan to purchase a brand new motor grader.

b) Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the 36th Year of the Flame Tree Arts Festival.

c) Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000.00) to the Northern Marianas Sports Association for the National and Junior National Baseball Teams participation in the 2nd Micronesian Baseball Classic to be held in Koror, Palau.

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~~d) Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) for the Mount Carmel School Mock Trial Club.~~

e) Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) to the Marianas Trench Fishing and Seafood Festival.

f) Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for the Annual International Fishing Derby.

g) Fifty Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Forty-Nine Cents (\$50,234.49) to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation. The expenditure authority shall be the Chairman of SNILD.

h) Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Telehealth Demonstration Project.

SECTION 3. REPROGRAMING.

Notwithstanding any laws, provisions or regulations to the contrary, funds appropriated under this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose.

SECTION 4. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.

The expenditure authority of the funds allocated under Section 2(a) of this Act shall be the Mayor of Saipan. The expenditure authority of the funds allocated under Section 2(b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) of this Act shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance. The expenditure authority of the funds allocated under Section 2(g) of this Act shall be the Chairman of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation. The expenditure authority of the funds allocated under Section 2(h) of this Act shall be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC).

SECTION 5. REPORTING.

All entities receiving funds herein shall submit a written report to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation Chairman regarding the disposition of the funds within thirty (30) days of the end of each fiscal year.

SECTION 6. 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.

1 **SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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


8 **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

9 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming law without such
10 approval.

CERTIFIED BY:



JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN
Chairman
Saipan & Northern Islands
Legislative Delegation



RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN
Speaker
House of Representatives

Approved on this 12th day of June, 2017.



RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands