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Governor

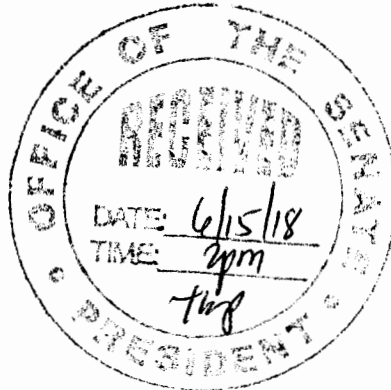
VICTOR B. HOCOG  
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH of the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

15 JUN 2018

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

The Honorable Arnold I. Palacios  
Senate President, The Senate  
Twentieth Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950



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Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law House Bill No. 20-164, HD3, SD1, CCS1 entitled, "To appropriate fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) from the Special Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §2308.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 20-61**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

*Handwritten signature of Ralph DLG. Torres*  
RALPH DLG. TORRES

cc: Lt. Governor; Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; Secretary of Finance; Supreme Court of the Northern Marianas, Marianas Visitors Authority; Mayor of Rota; Commonwealth Utilities Corporation; Rota DPS Academy; CHCC Chief Executive Officer; Northern Marianas Trade Institute; Micronesia Legal Services; Chairman, Rota Municipal Scholarship; Department of Public Works; Mayor of Tinian; Docomo Pacific; ; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review

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*Twentieth Legislature*  
*of the*  
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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

**APRIL 24, 2018**

REPRESENTATIVE ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, and John Paul P. Sablan,) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

**H. B. No. 20-164, HD3, SD1, CCS1**

AN ACT

**TO APPROPRIATE FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$15,000,000) FROM THE SPECIAL CASINO GROSS REVENUE TAX ACCOUNT, EARMARKED UNDER 4 CMC §2308.**

The Bill was not referred to a House Committee.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, APRIL 24, 2018;**  
*with amendments* in the form of H. B. 20-164, HD3 and transmitted to the  
**THE SENATE.**

The Bill was not referred to a Senate Committee.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, APRIL 27, 2018;**  
*with amendments* in the form of H. B. No. 20-164, HD3, SD1  
H. B. No. 20-164, HD3, SD1, was returned to the House of Representatives on April 27, 2018.

The House of Representatives rejected the Senate amendments and the Bill was sent to Conference, which submitted Conference Committee Report No. 20-3.

**THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON JUNE 12, 2018.**

  
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Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



*Twentieth Legislature  
of the  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*  
**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

FIRST DAY, FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION

JUNE 12, 2018

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**H. B. No. 20-164, HD3, SD1, CCS1**

**AN ACT**

**TO APPROPRIATE FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$15,000,000)  
FROM THE SPECIAL CASINO GROSS REVENUE TAX ACCOUNT,  
EARMARKED UNDER 4 CMC §2308.**

**Be it enacted by the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth  
Legislature:**

1           **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Governor has advised both houses of the  
2 Legislature by letter dated April 13, 2018, identified as House Governors Communication 20-  
3 195, that fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) is available for appropriation. Also provided  
4 was a Certification of Fund Availability from the CNMI Department of Finance from the  
5 collection of the Saipan Casino Operator's Business Gross Revenue Tax.

6           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) from  
7 the Special Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §2308.

8           **Section 2. Appropriation.** Notwithstanding 4 CMC §2308, the amount of fifteen  
9 million dollars (\$15,000,000) from the Special Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account,  
10 earmarked under 4 CMC §2308, is hereby appropriated as follows:

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1 (a) Seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) for the removal and remediation of  
2 mold and the rehabilitation, relocation costs, and procurement of a new air  
3 conditioning system for the Guma' Hustisia Iimwal Aweewe. The expenditure  
4 authority of the funds appropriated under this subsection shall be the Secretary of  
5 Finance in consultation with the Chief Justice.

6 (b) Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for land taking compensation. The  
7 funds appropriated under this subsection shall be used for land taking compensation  
8 of beach parks/recreational areas, secondary roads, and other land takings as certified  
9 by the Office of the Attorney General based on the following:

10 (1) Any outstanding land taking compensation up to \$40,000 shall be  
11 paid in full; and

12 (2) The expenditure authority of the funds appropriated under this  
13 subsection shall be the Secretary of Finance in consultation with the Attorney  
14 General.

15 (c) Two million four hundred thousand dollars (\$2,400,000) for the following:

16 (1) \$1,200,000 for the First Senatorial District to fund the following:

17 (A) \$150,000 for the renovation of the Rota Pinatang Beach  
18 Park under the expenditure authority of the Mayor of Rota in  
19 consultation with the Marianas Visitors Authority Managing Director;

20 (B) \$150,000 for the salaries of the existing municipal  
21 employees under Business Unit 7174Y. There shall be no new hires.  
22 The Mayor of Rota shall be the expenditure authority;

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(C) \$200,000 for the construction of a concrete wall to secure the Rota water cave area under the expenditure authority of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Rota Resident Director;

(D) \$265,000 for the Rota medical subsistence allowance under the expenditure authority of the Secretary of Finance;

(E) \$55,000 for the Rota DPS Academy of the ongoing cycle to pay for operation, gears, and supplies under the expenditure authority of the Rota DPS Resident Director;

(F) \$50,000 for the Rota interisland medical referral air transportation costs under the expenditure authority of the CHCC Chief Executive Officer;

(G) \$120,000 for the interisland medical referral patient and escort stipend under the expenditure authority of the CHCC Chief Executive Officer;

(H) \$75,000 for the Northern Marianas Trade Institute (NMTI) programs for Rota students' tuition, fees, and course-related supplies, under the expenditure authority of the NMTI President;

(I) \$35,000 for the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) extension program on Rota under the expenditure authority of the MLSC Director; and

(J) \$100,000 divided equally so that \$50,000 is for the Rota students housing allowance attending postsecondary schools and

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1 \$50,000 for the Rota Municipal Scholarship Program under the  
2 expenditure authority of the Rota Municipal Scholarship Chairman.

3 (2) \$1,200,000 for the Second Senatorial District to fund the  
4 following:

5 (A) \$1,000,000 for the improvement and pavement of roads at  
6 Marpo Heights II sub-division on the island of Tinian. The Secretary  
7 of the Department of Public Works shall be the expenditure authority  
8 of the funds in consultation with the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan;

9 (B) \$90,000 for ten (10) FTEs under the Department of Public  
10 Safety-Tinian for the last two quarters of FY 2018 under the  
11 expenditure authority of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan;

12 (C) \$60,000 for the procurement of one (1) van for the Office  
13 of Aging under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs-  
14 Tinian under the expenditure authority of the Mayor of Tinian and  
15 Aguiguan;

16 (D) \$25,000 for the procurement of one (1) vehicle for the  
17 Division of Building Safety under the Department of Public Works-  
18 Tinian under the expenditure authority of the Mayor of Tinian and  
19 Aguiguan; and

20 (E) \$25,000 for the procurement of one (1) vehicle for the  
21 Department of Finance-Tinian under the expenditure authority of the  
22 Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan.

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1           (d) One hundred sixty five thousand dollars (\$165,000) shall be used to pay  
2           Docomo Pacific, Inc. as the CNMI Government's cost share for the installation and  
3           operation of a new fiber network on Tinian as referenced in the Memorandum of  
4           Understanding between the Government of the CNMI and Docomo Pacific, Inc. dated  
5           March 10, 2016. The Secretary of Finance shall be the expenditure authority for the  
6           funds appropriated under this section.

7           (e) Six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000) shall be used to pay Docomo  
8           Pacific, Inc. as the CNMI Government's cost share for the installation and operation  
9           of a new fiber network on Rota as referenced in the Memorandum of Understanding  
10          between the Government of the CNMI and Docomo Pacific, Inc. dated March 10,  
11          2016. The Secretary of Finance shall be the expenditure authority for the funds  
12          appropriated under this section.

13          (f) Seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) for the rehabilitation and  
14          improvement of Sugar Dock including architectural and engineering design. The  
15          Secretary of the Department of Public Works shall be the expenditure authority for  
16          the funds appropriated under this subsection.

17          (g) One million eighty five thousand dollars (\$1,085,000) for the architectural  
18          and engineering design, and construction of a solid waste transfer station at the  
19          southern part of Saipan. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works shall be  
20          expenditure authority of the funds appropriated under this subsection.

21          **Section 3. No Fiscal Year Limitation and No Reprogramming.** Notwithstanding  
22          any laws, provisions or regulations to the contrary, the funds appropriated under Section 2 of

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1 this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose and all the funds shall be available  
2 for expenditure without fiscal year limitation.

3 **Section 4. Reporting Requirement.** The expenditure authorities of the foregoing  
4 activities listed in Section 2 of this Act shall submit to the presiding officers of the  
5 legislature, within 30 days after the end of each quarter, a fund status report on the  
6 expenditure of funds.

7 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of any such  
8 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent  
9 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or  
10 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.


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

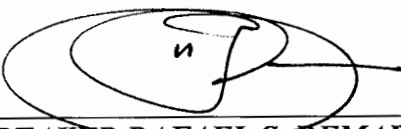


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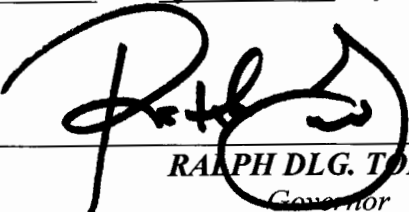
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1           **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the  
2 Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

Attested to by:   
Linda B. Muña, House Clerk

Certified by:   
SPEAKER RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN  
House of Representatives  
20<sup>th</sup> Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

*Approval* this *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *June*, 2018

  
RALPH DLG. TORRES  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands