



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Benigno R. Fitial
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Honorable Eliceo "Eli" D. Cabrera
Speaker, House of Representatives
Seventeenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Honorable Paul A. Manglona
President, The Senate
Seventeenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law House Bill No. 17-293, entitled, "To amend Public Law 17-55 Section 710" which was passed by the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 17-74**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Benigno R. Fitial".

BENIGNO R. FITIAL

cc: Lt. Governor
Attorney General
Department of Finance
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation
Special Assistant for Management and Budget
Commonwealth Law Revision Commission
Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



The House of Representatives

NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

P.O. Box 500586
Saipan, MP 96950

May 14, 2012

The Honorable Benigno R. Fitial
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Fitial:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your action **H. B. 17-293**, entitled: "A Bill for an Act to amend Public Law 17-55 Section 710.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Muña".

Linda B. Muña
House Clerk

Attachment



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

First Special Session

April 9, 2012

Representative Rafael S. Demapan, of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representative Eliceo D. Cabrera,) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

H. B. 17-293

AN ACT

TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 17-55 SECTION 710.

The Bill was not referred to a House Committee and was placed on the Bill Calendar.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON
FIRST AND FINAL READING, APRIL 24, 2012;
without amendments and transmitted to the
THE SENATE.**

The Bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs, and was placed on the Bill Calendar.
**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, MAY 8, 2012;
*without amendments.***

H. B. 17-293 WAS RETURNED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON MAY 10, 2012.

THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON APRIL 24, 2012

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. B. Muña".

Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



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

First Day, Second Special Session
April 24, 2012

H. B. 17-293

AN ACT

TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 17-55 SECTION 710.

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

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that Public Law 17-55
2 Section 710 should be amended to provide that funds appropriated to the Department of
3 Public Health in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 should be designated and counted toward the
4 State share of the required matching funds for Medicaid reimbursements to the
5 Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation.

6 **Section 2. Amendment.** Public Law 17-55, Section 710 is amended as follows:

7 (a) By amending line 18 read as follows:

8 “Office of the Governor, Medicaid Reimbursement
9 5,000,000 \$5,000,000” and

10 (b) By adding a new subsection (h) as follows:

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1 “(h) The five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) appropriated to the Office of the
2 Governor, Medicaid Reimbursement shall be the State share of the required matching
3 funds for Medicaid reimbursements to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation.”

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

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

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1 Section 5. **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 ELICEO "ELI" D. CABRERA

House of Representatives

17th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

APPROVED this *4th* day of *JUNE*, 2012



BENIGNO R. FITIAL

Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands