



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Benigno R. Fitial
Governor

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Lt. Governor

Honorable Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero
Speaker, House of Representatives
Eighteenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Honorable Jude U. Hofschneider
Senate President, The Senate
Eighteenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law, with reservations and disapproved an item, in House Bill No. 17-308 entitled, "To Re-appropriate \$271,240 from Public Laws 11-79 and 11-119 for Rota CIP Projects; and for other purposes," which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Section 2(a) is hereby disapproved because insufficient funds exist to cover this project; otherwise, I have approved Section 2(b) because funds exists to further the Bill's intent.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 17-91**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benigno R. Fitial".

BENIGNO R. FITIAL

cc: Lt. Governor; Attorney General's Office; Press Secretary; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



The House of Representatives

NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

P.O. Box 500586
Saipan, MP 96950

January 11, 2013

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. 17-308**, entitled: "An Act to re-appropriate \$271,240 from Public Laws 11-79 and 11-119 for Rota CIP projects; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,



Linda B. Muña
House Clerk

Attachment



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

Sixth Regular Session

August 3, 2012

Representative Teresita A. Santos, of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*, Representative Eliceo D. Cabrera) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

H. B. 17-308
AN ACT
TO RE-APPROPRIATE \$271,240 FROM PUBLIC LAWS 11-79
AND 11-119 FOR ROTA CIP PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

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, AUGUST 3, 2012;
without amendments 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, JANUARY 8, 2013;
without amendments.

H. B. 17-308 WAS RETURNED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON JANUARY 9, 2013.

THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON AUGUST 3, 2012.



Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



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

First Day, Sixth Regular Session

August 3, 2012

H. B. 17-308

AN ACT

TO RE-APPROPRIATE \$271,240 FROM PUBLIC LAWS 11-79 AND 11-119 FOR ROTA CIP PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

1 **Section 1. Findings.** The Legislature finds that there is a need of economic
2 improvement for the people of Rota and the CNMI. Investors need to be enticed with new
3 opportunities, improvements, and ideas necessary to aid the CNMI's dwindling economy.
4 The Legislature additionally finds that funds specifically for Capital Improvement Projects
5 are essential to improving local economies. Accordingly, a slaughterhouse on Rota is
6 beneficial to its economy, the people of Rota and the CNMI, and prospective investors. With
7 Guam preparing for the possible relocation of over 8,000 U.S. Marines from Okinawa, there
8 will be a high demand for meat and other livestock produce.

9 The Legislature further finds that the standard construction of a slaughterhouse on
10 Rota shall meet the minimum requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture

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1 (USDA) under the guidance and assistance of the Northern Marianas College Cooperative
2 Research Extension and Education Service (CREES). With the assistance from NMC
3 CREES and the standard requirements of the USDA, the highest priorities will be consumer
4 safety, generating revenue, and investing in human capacity through training and enhanced
5 benefits that will lead to an improvement in the quality of life within the CNMI.

6 Additionally, the Legislature finds that a slaughterhouse on Rota will help entice our
7 local residents to invest in projects or programs offered by NMC CREES and encourage
8 prospective investors to invest in the grazing of cattle or other livestock animals. A
9 slaughterhouse on Rota further encourages and provides incentives for current ranchers to
10 continue grazing livestock animals that may be profitable for exportation.

11 The Legislature further finds that Public Law 11-79 appropriated \$3,400,000.00 and
12 Public Law 11-119 appropriated \$5,200,000.00 to the First Senatorial District for various
13 capital improvement projects. There is a fund balance of \$271,240.00 appropriated to the
14 First Senatorial District under Public Laws 11-79 and 11-119. There are several other capital
15 improvement projects on Rota that require funding. Accordingly, the purpose of this
16 legislation is to re-appropriate the fund balance of Public Laws 11-79 and 11-119 to the First
17 Senatorial District for the construction of a slaughterhouse and the construction of a water
18 cave fence.

19 **Section 2. Re-appropriation.** There is hereby re-appropriated from Section 6(a) of
20 Public Law 11-79 the unexpended fund balance of \$44,854.00 and Section 5(A) of Public
21 Law 11-119 the unexpended fund balance of \$226,386.00 as follows:

22 *APPROVED* *BJ* (a) ~~\$200,000.00~~ for the construction of a slaughterhouse on Rota; and

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1 (b) \$71,240.00 — for the construction of a fence around the water cave on
2 Rota.

3 **Section 3. Expenditure Authority.** Expenditure Authority for the funds appropriated
4 in Section 2(a) shall be the Northern Marianas College CREES Director and the expenditure
5 of the funds in Section 2(b) shall be the director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation,
6 Rota. The funds shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose. The funds shall be
7 available without fiscal year limitation until fully expended.

8 **Section 4. Reporting Requirement.** The expenditure authorities of the funds
9 appropriated in Section 2 of this Act shall submit a progress report of the projects funded
10 herein to the chairman of the Rota Legislative Delegation every thirty (30) days commencing
11 on the effective date of this Act.

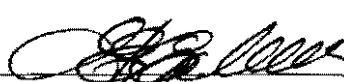
12 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of any such
13 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
14 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
15 circumstances other than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

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

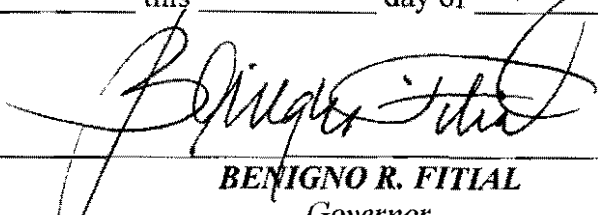
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1 Section 7. **Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
2 Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

Attested to by: 
Linda B. Muña, House Clerk

Certified by: 
SPEAKER MICEO "ELI" D. CABRERA
House of Representatives
17th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

APPROVED this 30th day of JANUARY, 2013


BENIGNO R. FITIAL
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands