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Governor

ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable Vinson F. Sablan
Chairman, Saipan and Northern Islands
Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

July 02, 2021

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

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 22-10**, entitled, "To re-appropriate lapse funds under Section 2(B)(5) of Saipan Local Law 21-5; and for other purposes", which was unanimously passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 22-3**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Acting Governor

cc: Governor; Press Secretary; Secretary of Finance; Law Revision Commission; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review; Special Assistant for Administration; Attorney General; Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council



Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation

Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Third Senatorial District

P.O. Box 500129

Saipan, MP 9695

Senator Vinnie F. Sablan, Chairman • Representative Ivan A. Blanco, Vice Chair • Representative Sheila J. Babauta, Floor Leader

June 25, 2021

The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950


Dear Governor Torres:

I am honored to transmit for your action House Local Bill No. 22-10, entitled,

“To re-appropriate lapse funds under Section 2(B)(5) of Saipan Local Law 21-5;
and for other purposes.”

The local bill was passed unanimously by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature on First and Final Reading, a quorum duly present during its First Day, Second Special Session held on June 23, 2021.

Sincerely,


Frances Joan B. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk

Enclosure



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2021**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 22-10

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

To re-appropriate lapse funds under Section 2(B)(5) of Saipan Local Law 21-5; and for other purposes.

Offered by Representatives:

Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Ivan A. Blanco, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul

Prefiled on May 25, 2021 and Introduced on May 28, 2021


HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on

June 1, 2021

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred To	: None
Comments Solicited	: 6/2/21 – DM 22-41 Mayor Apatang DM 22-42 Mayor Santos DM 22-43 Chairperson, 16 th SNIMC
Comments Received	: 6/14/21 – Mayors Comm. 22-15, Mayor Apatang 6/22/21 – Mayors Comm. 22-17, Mayor Santos
Standing Committee Report	: None
Passed First & Final Reading	: June 23, 2021



Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Third Senatorial District

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2020

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 22-10

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and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT
TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate lapse funds under Section 2(B)(5) of Saipan
3 Local Law 21-5 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

5 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary
6 and pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the Saipan and Northern Islands
7 Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby re-appropriates lapse funds under Section 2(B)(5) of
8 Saipan Local Law 21-5 in the amount of \$9,452.00 for the operations/personnel of the Saipan
9 and Northern Islands Municipal Council; expenditure authority of the funds shall be the
10 Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council or his/her designee.

11 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

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1 The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2 unless specified in this Act shall
2 be the Secretary of Finance.

3 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

4 Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose and
5 notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under this Act shall be without
6 fiscal year limitation.

7 **SECTION 5. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

8 (A) The Secretary of Finance shall regulate and control the expenditure of the funds
9 appropriated by this Act to ensure that appropriated funds are not expended contrary to the law,
10 fiscal management policies, and practices of the Commonwealth.

11 **SECTION 6. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

12 Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be responsible to
13 report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance by the end of the 2021
14 calendar year. Provided further that failure to provide all expenses entities that were afforded
15 funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated by the Saipan
16 and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

17 **SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.**

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

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SECTION 8. 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 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

CERTIFIED BY:



VINNIE F. SABLAN
Chairman

Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ
Speaker

House of Representatives

Approved on this 2nd day of July, 2021.



ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Acting Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands