

RALPH DLG. TORRES  
Governor



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

13 APR 2022

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

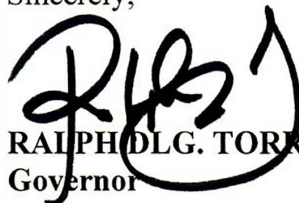
The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez  
Speaker  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 22-24, S1, D1**, entitled, "To appropriate Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) from fees collected pursuant to Public Law 20-10 for the Third Senatorial District; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 22-08**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,



RALPH DLG. TORRES  
Governor

cc: Acting Press Secretary; Attorney General's office; Secretary of Finance; Northern Marianas College; Commonwealth Health Care Corporation; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



## Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation

Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Third Senatorial District

P.O. Box 500129

Saipan, MP 9695

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Senator Vinnie F. Sablan, Chairman • Representative John Paul P. Sablan, Vice Chair • Representative Sheila J. Babauta, Floor Leader

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March 28, 2022

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. 22-24, S1, D1**, entitled,

**“To appropriate Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) from fees collected pursuant to Public Law 20-10 for the Third Senatorial District; 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 Second Day, Third Regular Session held on March 25, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frances Kaipat".

Frances Joan P. Kaipat  
Delegation Clerk

Enclosure



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2022**

**HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 22-24, S1, D1**

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

To appropriate Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) from fees collected pursuant to Public Law 20-10 for the Third Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

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**Offered by Representative(s):**

Celina R. Babauta

Prefiled on September 23, 2021 and Introduced on October 1, 2021

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**HOUSE ACTION**

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on

October 4, 2021

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**DELEGATION ACTION**

Referred To : 11/22/21 - SNILD Ways & Means Committee  
Comments Solicited : 10/4/21 – DM 22-69 Mayor Apatang  
DM 22-70 Mayor Santos  
DM 22-71 Chairperson, 16<sup>th</sup> SNIMC  
Comments Received : 10/12/21 Mayors Comm. 22-25  
Standing Committee Report : SNILD SCR No. 22-18  
Passed First & Final Reading : March 25, 2022

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Frances Joan P. Kaipat  
Delegation Clerk



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

**THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2022**

**HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 22-24, S1 D1**

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**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT  
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To appropriate Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) from fees collected pursuant to Public Law 20-10 for the Third Senatorial District; 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 appropriate Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) from fees  
3 collected pursuant to Public Law 20-10 for the Third Senatorial District.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS.**

5       Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws or regulations to the contrary, the Saipan  
6 and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates Two Million Dollars  
7 (\$2,000,000.00) from the fees collected pursuant to Public Law 20-10 for the Third Senatorial  
8 District as follows:

9       (A) \$1,000,000.00 for the Northern Marianas College to assist and enable the advancement of  
10 infrastructure development and related activities for the reconstruction of the Northern  
11 Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, expenditure of the funds under Section 2(A) of this

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1 Act shall be the President of the Northern Marianas College or his/her designee; and  
2 (B) \$1,000,000.00 for the Commonwealth Health Care Corporation (CHCC) for the operations  
3 and equipment needs of CHCC, provided that:

4 1) \$200,000.00 shall be allocated for facility repairs, maintenance, and renovations,  
5 to include but not be limited to upgrades for Building II (Building Management  
6 Systems (BMS)) Lighting System, purchase of an AutoCAD Program, purchase of  
7 a blueprint scanner/printer, and special plumbing tools, as needed by CHCC;

8 2) \$242,000.00 shall be allocated for procurement of a Vivid E95 Echo Ultrasound  
9 Echocardiogram Machine, and to replace birthing beds at CHCC's Labor and  
10 Delivery Unit.

11 Expenditure authority shall be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or his/her designee.

12 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

15 **SECTION 4. REPORTING.**

16 The expenditure authority shall submit to the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern  
17 Islands Legislative Delegation a detail report showing the expenditure of the funds at the  
18 completion of appropriations in Section 2 of this Act.

19 **SECTION 5. FUND DISTRIBUTION.**

20 Funds appropriated under Section 2 of this Act shall be distributed accordingly to the  
21 intended purpose and or entity upon this Act becoming law.

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1 **SECTION 6. FISCAL YEAR.**

2 The funds allocated under this Act shall be without fiscal year limitation(s).

3 **SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.**

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

8 **SECTION 8. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

15 **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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



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CERTIFIED BY:



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VINNIE F. SABLAN

Chairman

Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



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EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ

Speaker

House of Representatives

Approved on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.



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RALPH DLG. TORRES

Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands