

RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

December 28, 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. 22-41**, entitled, "To appropriate \$2,644,000.00 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended; 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. 22-17**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RDT", enclosed within a circular scribble.

RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor

cc: Lt. Governor; Acting Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; CNMI Law Revision; Secretary of Finance; SHEFA Board; Saipan Mayor's Office; Northern Island Mayor; Center for Living Independently; Zoning Office; Saipan Little League; Public Auditor; Acting Special Assistant for Administration; Programs & Legislative Review Office



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 John Paul P. Sablan, Vice Chair • Representative Sheila J. Babauta, Floor Leader

December 12, 2022

The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Honorable 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. 22-41**, entitled:

“To appropriate \$2,644,000.00 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended; 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, Fourth Regular Session held on December 9, 2022.

Sincerely,

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

Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk

Enclosure



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

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 22-41

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

To appropriate \$2,644,000.00 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended; and for other purposes.

Offered by Representative(s):

Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Magofna, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M. E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita K. Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul

Prefiled and Introduced on October 18, 2022

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on

October 18, 2022

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred To	: None
Comments Solicited	: 10/19/22 - DM 22-104 Mayor Apatang DM 22-105 Mayor Santos DM 22-106 16 th S&NI Municipal Council
Comments Received	: 10/31/22 – Mayors Comm. 22-39 (MOS)
Standing Committee Report	: None
Passed First & Final Reading	: 12/9/22

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

Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



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

FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 2022

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**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 local funds from the revenues collected pursuant
3 to Saipan Local Law 11-2 (poker fees).

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

5 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary and
6 pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the Saipan and Northern Islands
7 Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates \$2,644,000.00 of the revenues collected
8 pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended as follows:

9 (A) \$2,00,000.00 to Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance (SHEFA), provided
10 however that \$250,000 of the \$2,000,000.00 shall be reserved for SHEFA personnel and

1 operations, the expenditure authority under 2(A) shall be the SHEFA Board Chairperson in
2 concurrence with the SHEFA Board.

3 (B) \$644,000.00 shall be allocated as follows:

4 (1) \$150,000.00 for the Saipan Mayors Office for personnel and/or operations,
5 expenditure authority shall be the Mayor of Saipan or his/her designee;

6 (2) \$40,000.00 for the Northern Islands Mayors Office personnel and/or operations,
7 expenditure authority shall be the Mayor of the Northern Islands or his/her designee;

8 (3) \$54,000.00 for the Center for Living Independently (CLI) (for the purchase of
9 a vehicle, insurance, fuel and lubricants);

10 (4) \$200,000.00 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation,
11 expenditure authority shall be the Chairperson of SNILD or his/her designee;

12 (5) \$75,000.00 for the Saipan Zoning Office, expenditure authority shall be the
13 Director of the Saipan Zoning Office or his/her designee;

14 (6) 25,000.00 for the Saipan Little League;

15 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

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

18 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

1 **SECTION 5. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

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

5 **SECTION 6. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

6 Expenditures authorities of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be
7 responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance by the end of the
8 2023 calendar year. Provided further that entities that received funds under this Act and fail to
9 provide all expenses that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any future
10 funds appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

11 **SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.**

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

16 **SECTION 8. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

1 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

2 **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:



VINNIE F. SABLAN
Chairman
Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



EDMUND S. VILELA GOMEZ
Speaker
House of Representatives

Approved on this 28th day of December, 2022.



RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands