The Honorable Victor B. Hocog  
Senate President, The Senate  
Twenty-First Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-First Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law Senate Bill No. 21-2, SD1, HD1 entitled, “To amend 3 CMC § 2177(a) to include the CHCC Diabetes Care and Control Center as a program recipient of the Tobacco Control Fund; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes Public Law No. 21-13. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ralph DLG. Torres  
Governor

cc: Lt. Governor; Press Secretary; Division of Public Health; Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review
November 13, 2019

The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Capital Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Torres:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your action Senate Bill No. 21-02, SD1, HD1, entitled: "To amend 3 CMC § 2177(a) to include the CHCC Diabetes Care and Control Center as a program recipient of the Tobacco Control Fund; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Dolores S. Bermudes
Senate Clerk

Attachments
AN ACT

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SENATE ACTION

Offered by Senator(s): Justo S. Quitugua
Date: January 30, 2019
Referred to: Committee on Fiscal Affairs
Standing Committee Report No.: 21-01
First and Final Reading: April 10, 2019-SD1 and accepted HD1 on 11/06/19

HOUSE ACTION

Referred to: Committee on Ways and Means
Standing Committee Report No.: 21-41 – Adopted 10/15/19
First and Final Reading: October 15, 2019

DOLORES S. BERMUDES
SENATE CLERK
AN ACT

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that Public Law 11-31 established the Diabetes Care and Control Center at the Division of Public Health; however, the program was not properly funded and has not provided the intended diabetes care services to the people. The Legislature finds that recent reports have indicated a correlation between diabetes and tobacco. In fact, many people in the CNMI that have diabetes are also using tobacco which creates even more serious complications for the diabetes patient. More needs to be done to address the diabetes issues in the CNMI which is made more perilous by tobacco use. Accordingly, the purpose of this legislation is to include the CHCC Diabetes Care and Control Center as program recipient of the Tobacco Control Funds so as to properly fund the center for the benefit of the people of the CNMI.

Section 2. Amendment. 3 CMC § 2177(a),(c),(d) and the last paragraph are amended to read as follows:

"(a) for Department of Public Health Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation activities relating to the monitoring of morbidity and mortality from cancer and other tobacco-related illnesses in the CNMI, and for program activities of the Diabetes Care and Control Center, including treatment;"
(c) for comprehensive school health education programs, to be administered jointly by the Department of Health Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation and the Public School System relating to the hazards of tobacco use by CNMI youth; and

(d) for workplace-based and community smoking prevention and smoking cessation programs, for tobacco-related public service advertising and education programs, to be administered by the Department of Public Health Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation:

In conjunction with the preparation of the Commonwealth's comprehensive annual financial report, the Secretary Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Public Health Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation shall prepare and issue an annual report detailing the revenues and expenditures of said fund in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals. The annual report shall also, at a minimum, report on the qualitative and quantitative progress on the above purposes of the fund."

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

Section 4. 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 5. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or becoming law without such approval.