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

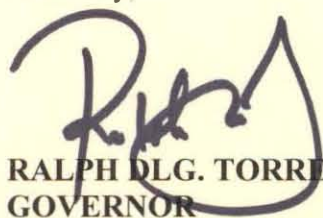
The Honorable Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-First Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **Senate Bill No. 21-2, SDI, 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,



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



THE SENATE

Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
P. O. Box 500129
Saipan, MP 96950

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dolores S. Bermudes".

Dolores S. Bermudes
Senate Clerk

Attachments



THE SENATE
TWENTYETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE BILL NO. 21-02, SD1, HD1

AN ACT

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.

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

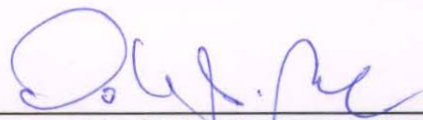
First and Final Reading: April 10, 2019-SD1 and accepted HD1 on 11/06/19

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



THE SENATE
 TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2019

S. B. NO. 21-02, SD1, HD1

AN ACT

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.

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

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

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

13 “(a) for ~~Department of Public Health~~ Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation
 14 activities relating to the monitoring of morbidity and mortality from cancer and other
 15 tobacco-related illnesses in the CNMI, and for program activities of the Diabetes Care
 16 and Control Center, including treatment;

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1 (c) for comprehensive school health education programs, to be administered
2 jointly by the ~~Department of Health~~ Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation and the
3 Public School System relating to the hazards of tobacco use by CNMI youth; and

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

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

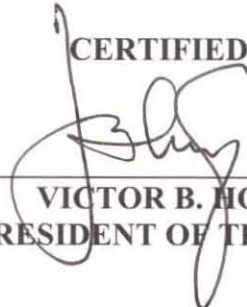
14 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
15 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
16 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
17 circumstances other than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

18 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
19 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
20 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained
21 in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The
22 enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any
23 liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes
24 effective.

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

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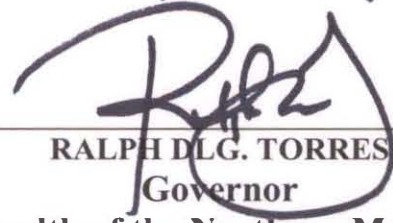
CERTIFIED BY:


VICTOR B. HOCO
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ATTESTED BY:


SIXTO K. IGISOMAR
SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

Approval this 19th day of December, 2019


RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands