



## COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**Eloy S. Inos**  
Governor

**Ralph DLG. Torres**  
Lieutenant Governor

**29 APR 2015**

Honorable John Paul P. Sablan  
Chairman, Saipan & Northern Island Legislative Delegation  
Nineteenth Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

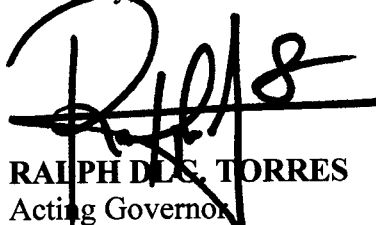
Honorable Victor B. Hocog  
Senate President, The Senate  
Nineteenth Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law Senate Local Bill No. 19-3, D1, entitled, "To amend Saipan Local Law 18-5; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Island Legislative Delegation of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 19-4**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,



**RAIPH DLG. TORRES**  
Acting Governor

cc: Governor; Press Secretary; Secretary of Finance; Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council; Commonwealth's Law Revision Commission, Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



**Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation**  
**Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature**  
**Third Senatorial District**  
**P.O. Box 500586**  
**Saipan, MP 96950**

Senator Sixto K. Igisomar, Vice Chairman

Representative John Paul P. Sablan, Chairman

Representative Angel A. Demapan, Floor Leader

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April 29, 2015

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


Dear Acting Governor Torres:

I am honored to transmit for your action *Senate Local Bill No. 19-3, DI*, entitled,

***“A Local Bill For An Act For The Third Senatorial District  
“To amend Saipan Local Law 18-05; and for other purposes.”***

This bill was passed unanimously by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, a quorum duly present, on First and Final Reading during its First Day, Second Special Session 2015 held on April 28, 2015.

Sincerely,

  
ALICIA DLG. LEON GUERRERO  
Delegation Clerk

Enclosures



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
NINETEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2015**

**SENATE LOCAL BILL NO. 19-3, D1**

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

**To amend Saipan Local Law 18-05; and for other purposes.**

**Offered by**

**Senator Arnold I. Palacios on March 4, 2015**

**HOUSE ACTION**

**Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on**

**April 13, 2015**

**DELEGATION ACTION**

<b>Referred To</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>SNILD Committee on Judiciary &amp; Governmental Operations (4/23/15)</b>
<b>Comments Solicited</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of Northern Islands; Chairman, SNI Municipal Council (4/13/15)</b>
<b>Comments Received</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Mayor of Saipan (4/22/15) Mayor of Northern Islands (4/22/15)</b>
<b>Standing Committee Report</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Passed First &amp; Final Reading</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>April 28, 2015</b>

**Alicia DLG. Leon Guerrero, Delegation Clerk**



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION**  
**Third Senatorial District**  
**Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2015**

**SENATE LOCAL BILL NO. 19-3, D1**

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

To amend Saipan Local Law 18-05; 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. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that Saipan Local Law  
2 18-05 provided protection of family activities from the social ills of poker parlors by regulating  
3 the location of adult gambling machines. Poker parlors in the CNMI are almost always small,  
4 dimly lit rooms filled with foul smell rampant with criminal activities. Public Law 18-56  
5 established the gaming industry on Saipan mandating the exclusive gaming licensee to invest  
6 not less than \$2 billion in a 2,000 room integrated resort comprised of world class hotels,  
7 restaurants, shops and other amenities, to include a casino. The legislature also finds that  
8 casinos are not poker parlors in that they will be a part of a world class resort of the highest  
9 standard filled with family activities.

10       It is the purpose of this law to continue to protect family activities and residential  
11 neighborhoods from the ill effects of adult gambling machines and poker parlors. It is also the  
12 purpose of this law to exempt the exclusive gaming licensee from the prohibition of SLL 18-05  
13 because gaming found in casinos do not carry the same concerns as those of adult gambling  
14 machines. Based on the foregoing, the Legislature finds and declares that this law is necessary  
15 and is proper use of the legislative authority granted by Article II of the Commonwealth  
16 Constitution.

1           **Section 2. Amendment.** Article 6, Section 612(b) of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013,  
2 SLL 18-04, as amended by Saipan Local Law 18-05, is hereby amended as follows:

3                   “(b) (1) Within the Tourist Resort and Mixed Commercial districts on a  
4 lot abutting Beach Road between Afetna Road and Chalan Msgr. Guerrero and  
5 on Chalan Pale Arnold between Chalan Msgr. Guerrero and Commonwealth Drive,  
6 as well as in the Garapan Core, Garapan East, and Beach Road zoning districts, if  
7 the business is located 200 feet away from a church, laundromat, public or private  
8 school, park, playground, or other adult gambling machine business;

9                   “(2) In a hotel with more than 20 rooms if it is located within the Garapan  
10 Core, Garapan East, Beach Road, Tourist Resort or Mixed Commercial Zoning  
11 Districts; or

12                   “(3) The restrictions on adult gambling businesses in sections (1) and (2)  
13 of this subsection shall not apply to the holder of a license issued by the  
14 Commonwealth Lottery Commission pursuant to PL 18-56.”

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

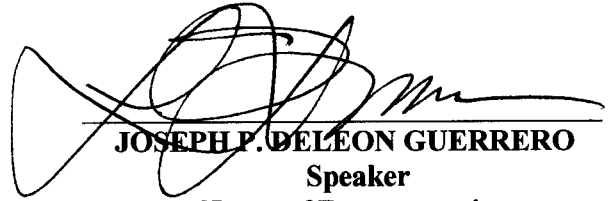
19           **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be  
20 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes  
21 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained  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

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

**CERTIFIED BY:**

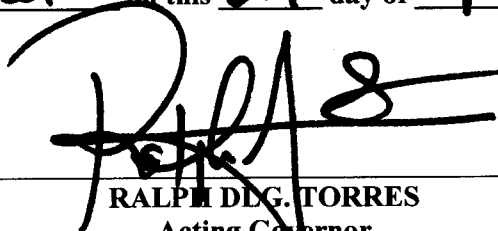


JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN  
Chairman  
Saipan & Northern Islands  
Legislative Delegation



JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

Approved on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.



RALPH DLG. TORRES  
Acting Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands