

RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor



VICTOR B. HOCOG
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH of the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

10 JAN 2018

The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
Twentieth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Rafael S. Demapan
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twentieth 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. 20-49, S1, D1, entitled, "To appropriate the sum of Six Million Two Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,286,000.00) from the Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees allotted to the Third Senatorial District under 4 CMC §2307(c)(2); and for other purposes.", which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

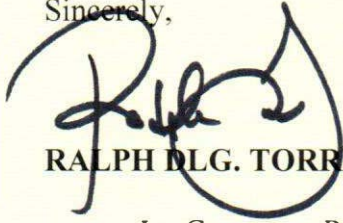
While I have signed this into law in the best interest of our patients and the staff at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, I am disappointed in the CEO's decision to prioritize \$200,000 for the renovation of the hospital's new outpatient pharmacy, instead of purchasing new pharmacy hoods for its existing inpatient pharmacy.

The \$200,000 appropriation outlined in this bill for pharmacy hoods and the renovation of the clean room provide for the preparation of personalized medication through compounded drugs, chemotherapy drugs, and IV solutions, which are critically important to the treatment of our patients and are needed to comply with standards set forth by the US Pharmacopeia Convention and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). With this being said, I question why \$200,000 was not used to address this critical priority first, but was used to fund the renovation of the new outpatient pharmacy when an existing pharmacy already exists and is in need of additional equipment to meet the expectations and requirements of our patients.

I advise CHCC to prudently determine and manage its financial priorities for the benefit of our patients and the vitality of our island's only hospital. I remain open as always to discuss ways to achieve this purpose in coordination with the Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 20-19**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ralph DLG. Torres', written over a circular stamp or mark.

RALPH DLG. TORRES

cc: Lt. Governor; Press Secretary; Mayor of Saipan; SNI Municipal Council; Commonwealth Utilities Corporation; Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation; Commonwealth Transit Authority; Office of Youth Affairs; Karidat; Department of Lands and Natural Resources; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation

Third Senatorial District

Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

P. O. Box 500586

Saipan, MP 96950

Representative John Paul P. Sablan, Chairman

Senator Sixto K. Igisomar, Vice Chairman

Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero
Floor Leader

December 21, 2017

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

Dear Governor Torres:

I am honored to transmit for your action *House Local Bill No. 20-49, SI, DI*, entitled,

"To appropriate the sum of Six Million Two Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,286,000.00) from the Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees allotted to the Third Senatorial District under 4 CMC §2307(c)(2); and for other purposes."

The bill was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twentieth Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature on First and Final Reading, a quorum duly present, during its Third Day, Second Regular Session, 2017 held on December 20, 2017.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alicia DLG. Leon Guerrero".

Alicia DLG. Leon Guerrero
Delegation Clerk

Enclosures



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2017**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 20-49, S1, D1

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Offered by

Representatives Angel A. Demapan, Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez

on

November 21, 2017

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on
November 21, 2017

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred To : SNILD Ways & Means

Comments Solicited : 11/22/17 – Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of Northern Islands; Chairman, SNI Municipal Council

Comments Received : 11/28/17 – Mayor of Saipan
12/15/17 – Mayor of Northern Islands

Standing Committee Report : SCR 20-10

Passed First & Final Reading : December 20, 2017

Handwritten signature of Alicia DLG. Leon Guerrero in blue ink.

Alicia DLG. Leon Guerrero, Delegation Clerk



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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 the sum of Six Million Two Hundred Eighty-Six
3 Thousand Dollars (\$6,286,000.00) from the Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees allotted to
4 the Third Senatorial District under 4 CMC §2307(c)(2). With the passage of Public Law 20-10
5 and accounting for the 1 Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) appropriation made in Public Law 20-
6 09, the Governor has informed the Saipan and Northern Islands Delegation (SNILD) that Six
7 Million Two Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,286,000.00) is available for
8 appropriation for projects in the 3rd Senatorial District.

9 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws or regulations to the contrary, the Saipan
11 and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates the sum of Six Million Two
12 Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,286,000.00) from the Exclusive Gaming Annual
13 License Fees allotted to the Third Senatorial District under 4 CMC §2307(c)(2) as follows:

- 14 (a) The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation.
 - 15 1) Turbo-Charger Retrofitting of Four Engines: \$2,173,710.00
 - 16 2) Waste Water Pretreatment System: \$800,000.00

1	(b) The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation.	
2	1) Hospital Equipment Upgrades & Repair:	
3	i. Infant Ventilator:	\$80,000.00
4	ii. Pharmacy Hood:	\$200,000.00
5	iii. Pyxis-ICU & Pyxis-Anesthesia:	\$190,000.00
6	iv. Maternal and Fetal Monitoring	
7	System and Software:	\$300,000.00
8	v. Patient Monitoring System for the	
9	Emergency Room and Operating	
10	Room:	\$340,000.00
11	vi. Fixed Radiology System:	\$180,000.00
12	vii. New CT Scan and Training:	\$510,000.00
13	2) To maintain a sufficient Health Care Workforce	
14	and Reduce Overtime:	\$323,290.00
15	3) Charge Service Fees sufficient to cover the	
16	cost of services:	\$250,000.00
17	(c) Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority.	\$150,000.00
18	(d) Mayor of Saipan.	
19	1) Pay Loader:	\$135,000.00
20	2) 2,000 Gallon Tanker:	\$150,000.00
21	3) Roller Compactor:	\$100,000.00
22	4) Outstanding road maintenance equipment	
23	rental charges:	\$75,000.00

1	(e) To the Division of Agriculture, for the Kagman	
2	farm plots and Sabalu farmers, for tractor	
3	maintenance including fuel and lube and to procure	
4	attachments i.e. batwing, rotavator, disc and tiller:	\$125,000.00
5	(f) The Office of Youth Affairs for the repair	
6	of the Koblerville Youth Center:	\$25,000.00
7	(g) Karidat:	\$40,000.00
8	(h) The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative	
9	Delegation:	<u>\$139,000.00</u>
10	TOTAL:	<u>\$6,286,000.00</u>

11 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

12 The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(a) of this Act shall be the
13 Executive Director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation; Section 2(b) shall be the Chief
14 Executive Officer of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation; Section 2(c) and (f) shall be
15 the Secretary of the Department of Finance; Section 2(d) shall be the Mayor of Saipan; Section
16 2(g) shall be the Executive Director of Karidat; Section 2(e) shall be the Secretary of the
17 Department of Lands and Natural Resources; and for Section 2(h) shall be the Chairman of the
18 Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

19 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMING.**

20 (a) Notwithstanding any laws, provisions or regulations to the contrary, except as
21 provided in subsection (b) of this section, funds appropriated under this Act shall not be
22 reprogrammed for any other purpose.

23 (b) Notwithstanding any laws, provisions or regulations to the contrary, the funds
24 appropriated under Section 2(b)(1) of this Act may be reprogrammed only for operational and
25 maintenance costs of the equipment listed in Section 2(b)(1).

1 **SECTION 5. REPORTING.**

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

5 **SECTION 6. FUND DISTRIBUTION.**

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

8 **SECTION 7. FISCAL YEAR.**

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

10 **SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY.**

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

15 **SECTION 9. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

1 **SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:

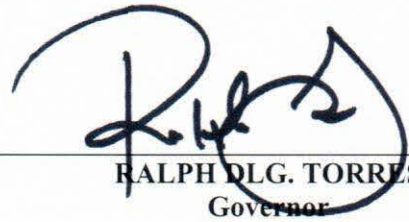


JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN
Chairman
Saipan & Northern Islands
Legislative Delegation



RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN
Speaker
House of Representatives

Approved on this *10th* day of *January*, 2018.



RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands