

**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
THIRTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2002

SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 13-8

H. L. B. NO. 13-018, S1, D1

A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT

To increase the local license fees for pachinko slot machines and poker machines in the Third Senatorial District for the payment of P. L. 7-31 salary adjustments of government employees of the Third Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE **THIRD** SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION **PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4 OF DIVISION I OF TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

Section 1. Amendment. Saipan Local Law No. 11-2 is hereby amended as follows:

Pursuant to 4 CMC § 1503 and I CMC § 1402(c)(5) there is established an annual local license fee of \$6,000 for each poker machine licensed under 4 CMC § 1503(a)(2) and for each pachinko slot machine licensed under 4 CMC § 1503(a)(5).

Section 2. Special Provisions on Salary Adjustment Compensation. The Secretary of Finance shall hereby establish a Special Reserve Account to be used for salary adjustment compensation. Funds from the Special Reserve Account shall be used only to pay all eligible current and former CNMI Government employees for the Third Senatorial District who have not received the salary adjustment, provided further that if an employee or former employee is deceased, his or her beneficiaries or heirs shall be eligible to receive such compensation.

Section 3. Distribution of Funds. Current and former government employees for the Third Senatorial District who are eligible for such salary adjustment shall be entitled to receive as follows:

<u>Employee's Annual Salary in \$</u>	<u>Salary Adjustment</u>
Between 0 to 12,000.00	Full payment
12,000.01 and above	50%

Provided however, that if funds are available the remaining 50% shall be paid, if not., then the balance shall be paid in full on subsequent collection.

Section 4. Retroactive Salary Adjustment Pursuant to PL 7-31. The Administrator of the Retirement fund shall recalculate and adjust the benefits of those current and former employees who are now entitled to salary adjustment compensation under this Act and shall receive one lumpsum payment added on to one of the three highest salary paid annually. Provided further that he Secretary of finance shall amend the W-2 statement of all former and current employees who are entitled to receive such compensation to reflect such salary adjustment.

Section 5. Pachinko Slot and Poker machine Annual Local License Fees. Local license fees collected herein shall be reserved for at least two years to settle in accordance with this Act the Retroactive Salary Adjustment Compensation authorized pursuant to Public Law 7-31.

Section 6. Expenditure Authority. Expenditure authority for the funds appropriated for the retroactive salary adjustment shall be vested in the Secretary of Finance in consultation with the Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

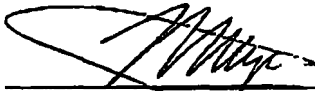
Section 7. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent

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 8. 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 this 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 9. Effective Date. This Act shall take **effect** upon its **approval** by the Governor or its becoming law without **such approval**.

CERTIFIED BY:




PETE P. REYES
Chairman
Saipan and Northern Islands
Legislative Delegation



HEINZ S. HOFSCHEIDER
Speaker
House of Representatives

Approved this *17th* day of *June*, 2002



JUAN N. BABAUTA
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands