

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

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2002

SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 13-14
H.L.B. NO. 13-037, S. 1, D.4

**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT OF
SAIPAN AND THE NORTHERN ISLANDS**

To re-appropriate \$23 1,648 from the fees collected under the Saipan Local Law 1 1-2; 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:

Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds that in April 2003, the Governor vetoed House Local Bill Nos. 13-036, 13-038, D1, and 13-039, which would have re-appropriated the total sum of \$23 1,648, from fees collected under Saipan Local Law 1 1-2 on the information that no such funds were available under SLL 1 1-2. On May 5,2003, the Secretary of Finance advised the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation that, after a comprehensive review of all revenue transfers and expenses, the amount of \$231,648 is indeed available for appropriation. The Governor was not apprised of such information prior to vetoing those local bills. Based on the Secretary of Finance's verification, this Act re-appropriates those funds for the specific projects listed in those local bills that were disapproved.

Section 2. Appropriation. There is hereby re-appropriated \$23 1,648, from the fees collected under Saipan Local Law 1 1-2 the available fund balance as identified by the Secretary of Finance in his May 5,2003 letter, the following:

a) \$110,000 is hereby re-appropriated for the A&E design and construction of a social hall within As Matuis Community and the paving of a parking lot for the social hall under the expenditure authority of the Executive Director of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

b) \$10,000 is hereby appropriated to the Board of Parole Parolees

Rehabilitation Beautification Project under the expenditure authority of the Chief of Parole Officer with the concurrence of the Chairman of the Board of Parole.

c) \$50,000 is hereby appropriated for the renovation and improvement of the Honorable Pedro T. Nakatsukasa Memorial Building and for the operational expenses of the Seventh Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council under the expenditure authority of the Chairman of the Municipal Council.

d) \$20,000 is hereby appropriated for yellow flashing traffic lights for schools in San Vicente, Dandan, Kagman, Koblerville, San Antonio, and Garapan and Hopwood Junior High School under the expenditure authority of the Secretary of Public Works.

e) \$30,648 is hereby appropriated to the Mayor of Saipan for operational expenses under the expenditure authority of the Mayor of Saipan.

f) \$5,000 is hereby appropriated for the annual Saipan International Fishing Derby under the expenditure authority of the President of the Saipan Sports Fishermen Association.

g) \$5,000 is hereby appropriated to defray the cost of students from Saipan participating in the Junior Statesmen of America for School Year 2003 under the expenditure authority of the Secretary of Finance.

h) \$1,000 is hereby appropriated for payments to qualified recipients under SLL 13-8, as amended as follows:

“Section 2, Section 4 and Section 5 of Saipan Local Law 13-8 are hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 2. Special Provisions on Salary Adjustment Compensation and 30% Bonus. The Secretary of Finance shall hereby establish a Special Reserve Account to be used for salary adjustment

compensation and 30% Bonus. 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 and 30% Bonus pursuant to Public Law S-30, 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 4. Retroactive Salary Adjustment and 30% Bonus Pursuant to Public Laws 7-31 and S-30, 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 and 30% Bonus established by Public Law 8-30 under this Act and shall receive one lump sum payment added on to one of the three highest salary paid annually. Provided further that the 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 and 30% Bonus established by Public Law 8-30.

"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 and for 30% Bonus pursuant to Public Law 8-30."

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of 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. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

/s/ _____

PETE P. REYES
Chairman
Saipan and Northern Island
Legislative Delegation

/s/ _____

HEINZ S. HOFSCHEIDER
Speaker
House of Representatives

Approved this 6th day of June, 2003

/s/ _____

JUAN N. BABAUTA
GOVERNOR