

THIRTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2002

Public Law 13-12

H. B. NO. 13-004, HD1

AN ACT

To amend Public Law No. 12-6; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds that the repair, maintenance and upgrading of ambulance equipment and supplies is a necessary but continuous process and the time-consuming task of making separate appropriations for these life-saving essentials is unnecessary.

Section 2. Amendments.

(1) Subsections a, b and c of Section 3 of Public Law 12-6 are hereby amended as follows:

(a) The Department of Finance shall established three (3) accounts to be known as the “Ambulance Fee Revolving Fund Accounts” for the deposit of ambulance fees collected by the Department of Public Health in accordance with its rules and regulations. The fees collected from each senatorial district shall be deposited to each respective account.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the funds collected and deposited pursuant to subsection (a) shall be expended continuously without further appropriation and specifically for the repair, maintenance and upgrade of ambulance and rescue vehicles, purchase of EMS and Rescue equipment and supplies such as “Jaws of Life” rescue and supplies as well as for ambulance rescue personnel continuing education and training. The expenditure authority of each Ambulance Fee Revolving Fund shall submit a financial report to the Governor and the Presiding Officers of both Houses within 30 days after disbursement.

(c) The expenditure authority for funds from the Ambulance Fee Revolving Funds Account shall be the Director of Fire for Saipan, the Resident Director of Public Safety for Rota and Tinian respectively in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Safety and Secretary of Public Health.

Section 3. Severability. If any provisions 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 4. 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herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.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 the 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 5. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor, or it becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED TO BY:

/s/ _____

HEINZ S. HOFSCHEIDER
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

/s/ _____

EVELYN C. FLEMING
HOUSE CLERK

APPROVED this 25th day of June, 2002

/s/ _____

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