



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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Honorable Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero
Speaker, House of Representatives
Eighteenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

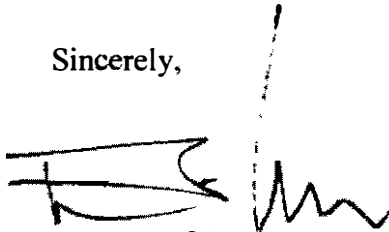
Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres
Senate President, The Senate
Eighteenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law House Bill No. 18-39, HD1, entitled, "To authorize the assessment of parking meter fees, to require segregation of fees collected by senatorial district, and to authorize local appropriation of those fees," which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 18-54**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,



ELOY S. INOS

cc: Lt. Governor; Lt. Governor's Legal Counsel; Attorney General's Office; Department of Public Works; Department of Finance; Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority; Department of Public Safety; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



House of Representatives

18th NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

P.O. BOX 500586
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June 4, 2014

The Honorable Eloy S. Inos
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Inos:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your action **H. B. No. 18-39, HD1**, entitled: "To authorize the assessment of parking meter fees, to require segregation of fees collected by senatorial district, and to authorize local appropriation of those fees.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. B. Muña".

Linda B. Muña

House Clerk

Attachment



*Eighteenth Legislature
of the
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

First Regular Session

March 27, 2013

Representative Ramon A. Tebuteb, of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*.) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

H. B. No. 18-39, HD1

AN ACT

TO AUTHORIZE THE ASSESSMENT OF PARKING METER FEES, TO REQUIRE SEGREGATION OF FEES COLLECTED BY SENATORIAL DISTRICT, AND TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL APPROPRIATION OF THOSE FEES.

The Bill was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means, which submitted Standing Committee Report 18-60; adopted October 24, 2013.

THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, OCTOBER 25, 2013;
with amendments in the form of H. B. 18-39, HD1 and transmitted to the
THE SENATE.

The Bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs.
THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, MAY 28, 2014;
without amendments and returned to
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON OCTOBER 25, 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Muña", written over a horizontal line.

Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



*Eighteenth Legislature
of the
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ninth Day, Second Regular Session

October 25, 2013

H. B. 18-39, HD1

AN ACT

TO AUTHORIZE THE ASSESSMENT OF PARKING METER FEES, TO REQUIRE SEGREGATION OF FEES COLLECTED BY SENATORIAL DISTRICT, AND TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL APPROPRIATION OF THOSE FEES.

Be it enacted by the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature:

1 **Section 1. Findings.** This Act may be cited as the "Parking Meter Act."

2 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of this Act is to ensure that Department of Public
3 Works and the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA) have statutory authority
4 to assess fees associated with parking be deposited according to which senatorial district
5 generated the fees and into separate accounts designated for each senatorial district. The fees
6 collected would be subject to appropriation by the respective legislative delegations. This
7 Act also gives COTA the authority to create regulations so that COTA may effectively use
8 and administer the fees in furtherance of an operational transit system.

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1 **Section 3. Amendments.**

2 **(a)** 1 CMC § 2403 (b) is amended as follows:

3 “(b) To construct, maintain, and operate public signs, traffic signals, parking
4 meters, public vessels, public buildings, and public works functions previously
5 performed by chartered municipalities, unless otherwise provided by law.”

6 **(b)** 1 CMC § 2404 is amended as follows:

7 “§ 2404. Department of Public Works: **R**ules and **R**egulations.
8 The Department of Public Works shall adopt rules and regulations regarding those
9 matters over which the department has jurisdiction including establishing reasonable
10 fees for functions authorized under 1 CMC § 2403 (b).

11 **(c)** Title 1, Division 2, Chapter 8 of the Commonwealth is amended by adding a
12 new § 2406 as follows:

13 “§ 2406. All fees collected from parking meters constructed, maintained and
14 operated by Department of Public Works pursuant to 1 CMC §§ 2403(b) and 2404
15 shall be deposited into an account designated by the Department of Finance for the
16 district where the fees are derived and subject to local appropriation under
17 1 CMC section 1402 (c), provided however, that 50% of the funds (fees and fines)
18 collected from each Senatorial District shall be deposited into an account for the
19 Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA) for which the Special Assistant
20 for Public Transportation shall be the expenditure authority.”

21 **(d)** Title 9, division 5, Chapter 8 Section 5812 is hereby amended as follows:

22 (1) by adding the words “Parking Meters” at the end of the title of the
23 section;

24 (2) designating the current provisions as a new subsection (a) and
25 redesignating existing subsections (a) thru (e) as paragraph (1) thru (5), and adding a
26 new subsection (b) to read as follows:

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1 “(b) Parking meters. In consultation with the Secretary of Public Works, the
2 Commissioner of Public Safety designate areas along the public roadways appropriate
3 for the installation and operation of parking meters. The Department of Public Safety
4 shall be responsible for enforcing the time limits imposed by parking meters installed
5 pursuant to 1 CMC § 2406, including but not limited to issuing citations, and shall
6 have the authority to issue reasonably necessary regulations including fines of not
7 more than \$100 to enforce the time limits indicated by the parking meters.”

8 (e) 1 CMC § 1402(c) is amended by adding a new paragraph (6) as follows:

9 “(6) Fees collected from parking meters constructed, maintained and operated
10 by Department of Public Works pursuant to 1 CMC §§ 2403 (b) and 2404; provided
11 the fees shall be used for enforcement relating to parking meter administration.”


12 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of any such
13 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
14 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
15 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

16 **Section 5. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
17 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
18 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers
19 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law.
20 The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying,
21 any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act
22 becomes effective.

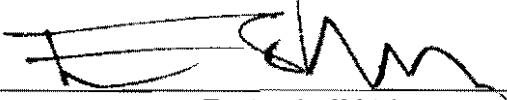
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1 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
2 Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

Attested to by: 
Linda B. Muña, House Clerk

Certified by: 
SPEAKER JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO
House of Representatives
18th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

~~APPROVED~~ this 1st day of July, 2014


ELOY S. INOS
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands