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September 17, 2014

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

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

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that House Local Bill No. 18-156, HD1, entitled, "To vest the Commonwealth Health Corporation (CHCC) with a certain piece of Public Land; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature and transmitted to the Governor on August 08, 2014, became law without the Governor's signature.

This bill became **Public Law No. 18-67**, on September 16, 2014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria T. Guerrero".

Victoria T. Guerrero
Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review

cc: Attorney General's Office
Press Secretary
Department of Public Land
Commonwealth Health Care Corporation
Special Assistant for Administration
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House of Representatives

18th NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

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August 8, 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. 18-156, HD1**, entitled: "To vest the Commonwealth Health Care Corporation (CHCC) with a certain piece of Public Land; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,



Linda B. Muña
House Clerk

Attachment



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

Second Regular Session

December 19, 2013

Representative Mariano Taitano, of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, John Paul P. Sablan, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

H.B. 18-156, HD1

AN ACT

TO VEST THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTH CARE CORPORATION (CHCC) WITH A CERTAIN PIECE OF PUBLIC LAND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources, which submitted Standing Committee Report 18-111; adopted May 6, 2014.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON
FIRST AND FINAL READING, JULY 8, 2014;**
with amendments in the form of H. B. 18-156, HD1 and transmitted to the
THE SENATE.

The Bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Resources, Economic, Development and Programs.
THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, AUGUST 5, 2014;
without amendments and returned to
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON JULY 8, 2014.



Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



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

FIRST DAY, THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

JULY 8, 2014

H. B. 18-156, HD1

AN ACT

**TO VEST THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTH CARE CORPORATION (CHCC)
WITH A CERTAIN PIECE OF PUBLIC LAND; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

**Be it enacted by the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth
Legislature:**

1 **Section 1. Short Title.** This Act shall be cited as the “Medical Facilities Land Use
2 Act of 2013”.

3 **Section 2. Findings.** The Legislature finds as follows: Lots 098 D 04 and 098 D 05,
4 parcels of public land situated at the northeast corner of Chalan Pale Arnold and Navy Hill
5 Road, and consisting of a total of approximately 38,574 square meters, are currently vacant
6 and unused. Over the years, various proposals have been advanced by various persons for the
7 use of the said lots, including a shopping mall, a courthouse, and others. However, because of
8 the lots' position directly adjacent to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC);
9 because CHCC has already expanded to the full capacity of the property lion which it is
10 situated; because no other site is as well situated as the said lots for the construction of
11 additional medical facilities; and because of the critical importance of safeguarding and
12 maintaining the public health as effectively and efficiently as possible, it is in the best interest
13 of the people of the Commonwealth that the lots be used for medical facilities.

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1 **Section 3. Land designation and management.** The management, control, and
2 disposition of a certain public land, specifically Lot Nos. 098 D 04 and 098 D 05 located at
3 the northeast corner of Chalan Pale Arnold and Navy Hill Road on the island of Saipan shall
4 be transferred from the Department of Public Lands to the Commonwealth Health Care
5 Corporation (CHCC). The said Lot Nos. are hereby dedicated exclusively for medical
6 facilities directly associated with the medical facilities of CHCC. Furthermore, the design
7 and construction on the said lots shall be limited to the construction of medical facilities and
8 include a small park or rest area for patients and staff. "Medical facilities" means physical
9 structures in which activities directly related to health care and health support are carried out,
10 including but not limited to hospitals, hospices, pharmacies, nursing homes, clinics, medical
11 laboratories, Veterans Affairs Outreach Clinic, and assisted living facilities. "Medical
12 facilities" does not include facilities primarily dedicated to commercial or governmental
13 activities not directly related to health care; even if such activities may generate proceeds that
14 indirectly benefit health care. Construction on the said lots other than the construction of
15 medical facilities is prohibited. Conveyance of the said lots or of any portion of or interest in
16 the said lots, for any purpose other than the construction, maintenance or operation of
17 medical facilities is prohibited.

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


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

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Section 6. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the 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

_____ this _____ day of _____, 2014

ELOY S. INOS
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands