



## COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**Ralph DLG. Torres**  
Governor

**Victor B. Hocog**  
Lieutenant Governor

**17 MAR 2016**

Honorable Rafael S. Demapan  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Nineteenth Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

Honorable Francisco M. Borja  
Senate President, The Senate  
Nineteenth 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. 19-140, HD1, entitled, "To amend Public Law 19-08, Section 702. Judicial Branch to allocate funding for the CNMI Drug Court; and for other purposes", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 19-39**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph DLG. Torres".

RALPH DLG. TORRES

cc: Lt. Governor; Attorney General's Office; Judicial Branch; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



# *House of Representatives*

19<sup>th</sup> NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

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March 14, 2016

The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern  
Mariana Islands  
Capitol Hill  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Torres:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your action **H. B. No. 19-140, HD1**, entitled: "To amend Public Law 19-08, Section 702. Judicial Branch to allocate funding for the CNMI Drug Court; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

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

Linda B. Muña  
House Clerk

Attachment



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

**Third Regular Session**

**March 4, 2016**

**Representative Antonio P. Sablan**, of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representative Angel A. Demapan) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

**H. B. No. 19-140, HD1**

**AN ACT**

**TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 19-08, SECTION 702. JUDICIAL  
BRANCH TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR THE CNMI DRUG  
COURT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Bill was not referred to a House Committee.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON  
FIRST AND FINAL READING, MARCH 4, 2016;**  
*with amendments* in the form of H. B. 19-140, HD1 and transmitted to the  
**THE SENATE.**

The Bill was not referred to a Senate Committee.  
**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, MARCH 11, 2016;**  
*without amendments without amendments and was returned to*  
**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

**THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON MARCH 4, 2016.**

  
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**Linda B. Muña, House Clerk**



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

Fifth Day, Third Regular Session

March 4, 2016

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**H. B. No. 19-140, HD1**

**AN ACT**

**TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 19-08, SECTION 702. JUDICIAL BRANCH TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR THE CNMI DRUG COURT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

1           Section 1. **Findings.** The Legislature finds that on October 28, 2015,  
2 Governor Ralph DLG. Torres signed into law House Bill No. 19-94, entitled, "To establish a  
3 drug court within the Commonwealth Superior Court; and for other purposes," which was  
4 passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas  
5 Commonwealth Legislature and became Public Law No. 19-14.

6           Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to amend Section 702. Judicial Branch to ensure  
7 that the CNMI Drug Court is properly funded to effectuate a collaborative non-adversarial  
8 system to effect the rehabilitation and recovery of drug offenders through continuous court  
9 monitoring, regular drug testing, and holistic drug dependency treatment.

**HOUSE BILL 19-140, HD1**

1           **Section 2. Amendment.** Section 702 of Public Law 19-08 is hereby amended by  
2 adding a new subsection (c) to read as follows and the CNMI Law Revision Commission  
3 shall renumber affected subsections accordingly:

4                   “(c) The amount of \$150,000.00 from business unit 1694, the Judiciary  
5 Administrative Office, shall be allocated to the newly established Drug Court. Of the  
6 \$150,000.00 allotted to the Drug Court from business unit 1694, \$125,000.00 shall be  
7 re-allocated to business unit 1690, Superior Court for the Drug Court personnel.”

8           **Section 3. Amendment.** Schedule A, Judicial Branch, of Public Law 19-08 is  
9 hereby amended to read as follows:

10                   “Judicial Branch – Revised Schedule A”. See attached “Judicial Branch –  
11 Revised Schedule A” which is hereby incorporated into Public Law 19-08.

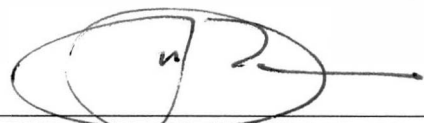
12           **Section 4. Severability.** If any of this Act or the application of any such provision in  
13 any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the  
14 remainder of this Act or the application of its provision to persons or circumstance other than  
15 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 excising right required under contract or acquired under statutes  
18 repealed or under any rule, regulations 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.

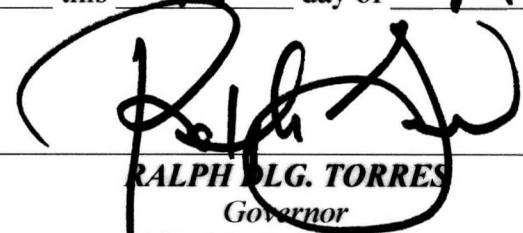
**HOUSE BILL 19-140, HD1**

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 RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN**  
House of Representatives  
19<sup>th</sup> Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016

  
**RALPH DLG. TORRES**  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

CNMI GOVERNMENT  
JUDICIAL BRANCH – REVISED SCHEDULE A

## HOUSE BILL 19-140, HD1

<b>Judicial Branch:</b>	Business Unit	NOP	PERSONNEL	OPERATIONS	UTILITIES	TOTAL
Supreme Court	1691	11	\$865,730	\$8,657	\$0	\$874,387
Superior Court	1690	50	\$2,185,451	\$20,605	\$0	\$2,206,056
Judiciary Administrative Office	1694	20	\$538,247	\$394,712	\$572,923	\$1,505,882
Law Revision Commission	1692	5	\$257,252	\$15,319	\$0	\$272,571
<b>Total:</b>		<b>86</b>	<b>\$3,846,680</b>	<b>\$439,293</b>	<b>\$572,923</b>	<b>\$4,858,896</b>
<b>General Fund Grand Total</b>		<b>2,809</b>	<b>\$111,174,901</b>	<b>\$24,247,440</b>	<b>\$10,398,034</b>	<b>\$145,820,375</b>
<b>Grand total with DPL</b>		<b>2,876</b>	<b>\$113,352,818</b>	<b>\$25,617,710</b>	<b>\$10,482,034</b>	<b>\$149,452,562</b>