



## COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**Ralph DLG. Torres**  
Governor

**Victor B. Hocog**  
Lieutenant Governor

**05 APR 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. 19-135, entitled, "To amend Public Law 12-64 Section 7(b) Special Appropriation: Expenditure Authority", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 19-41**. 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; Department of Public Works; Secretary of Finance; Mayor of Tinian; Mayor of Rota; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



# *House of Representatives*

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

P.O. BOX 500586  
SAIPAN, MP 96950

March 22, 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. 19-135**, entitled: "To amend Public Law 12-64 Section 7(b) Special Appropriation: Expenditure Authority.", 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", written over a circular stamp or mark.

Linda B. Muña  
House Clerk

Attachment



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

**Third Regular Session**

**February 19, 2016**

**Representative Edwin P. Aldan**, of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*, Representatives Angel A. Demapan, and Glenn L. Maratita) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

**H. B. No. 19-135**

**AN ACT**

**TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 12-64 SECTION 7(B) SPECIAL  
APPROPRIATION: EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

The Bill was not referred to a House Committee.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON  
FIRST AND FINAL READING, FEBRUARY 19, 2016;**  
*without amendments* 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 and was returned to*  
**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

**THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON FEBRUARY 19, 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**

Fourth Day, Third Regular Session

February 19, 2016

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**H. B. No. 19-135**

AN ACT

**TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 12-64 SECTION 7(B) SPECIAL  
APPROPRIATION: EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

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

1           **Section 1. Findings.** The Legislature finds a need to amend the Expenditure  
2 Authority provision of Public Law 12-64 to take into consideration the most effective way of  
3 expending the funds for Capital Improvement Projects once awarded. The legislature further  
4 finds that the most effective and efficient way to expend such funds, most especially for the  
5 First and Second Senatorial Districts, is to empower the Mayors of each respective Senatorial  
6 District with the authority.

7           **Section 2. Amendment.** Section 7(b) of Public Law 12-64 is hereby amended to read  
8 as follows:

9                   **“Section 7. Special Appropriation: Expenditure Authority.**

10                           (b) Expenditure authority over funds appropriated pursuant to this  
11 section shall be:

HOUSE BILL 19-135

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- (1) The Secretary of Public Works for the Third Senatorial District.
- (2) The Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan for the Second Senatorial District.
- (3) The Mayor of Rota for the First Senatorial District.”

**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.

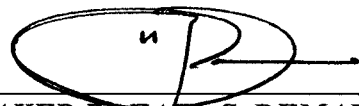
**HOUSE BILL 19-135**

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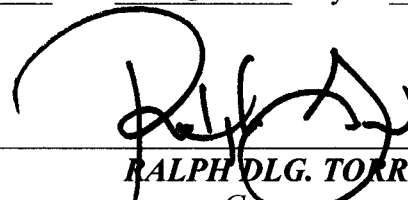
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**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

Attested to by:   
**Linda B. Muña, House Clerk**

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

*Approved* this *5<sup>th</sup>* day of *April*, 2016

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