

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

Victor B. Hocog
Lieutenant Governor

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

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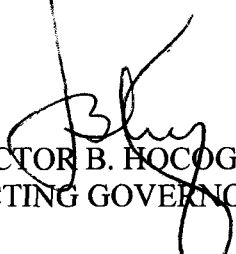
The Honorable Francisco M. Borja
Senate President, The Senate
Nineteenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law House Bill No. 19-111, entitled, "To amend 4 CMC § 1511 (d) Special Accounts for First and Second Senatorial Districts; 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. 19-61**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


VICTOR B. HOCOG
ACTING GOVERNOR

cc: Governor; Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; Department of Finance;
Northern Marianas Settlement Fund; Special Assistant for Administration;
Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review; Public Auditor



House of Representatives

19th NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

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August 4, 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. 19-111**, entitled: "To amend 4 CMC § 1511 (d) Special Accounts for First and Second Senatorial Districts; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,



Linda B. Muña
House Clerk

Attachment



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

Second Regular Session

December 16, 2015

Representative Antonio P. Sablan, of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, George N. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, and Francis S. Taimanao,) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

H. B. No. 19-111

AN ACT

TO AMEND 4 CMC § 1511 (D) SPECIAL ACCOUNTS FOR FIRST AND SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Bill was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means, which submitted Standing Committee Report 19-98; adopted March 29, 2016.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON
FIRST AND FINAL READING, MARCH 29, 2016;**
without amendments and transmitted to the
THE SENATE.

The Bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs, which submitted Standing Committee Report 19-104; adopted July 26, 2016.
THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, JULY 26, 2016;
without amendments and was returned to
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON MARCH 29, 2016.



Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



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

Sixth Day, Third Regular Session
March 29, 2016

H. B. No. 19-111

AN ACT

TO AMEND 4 CMC § 1511 (D) SPECIAL ACCOUNTS FOR FIRST AND SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature:

1 **Section 1. Findings.** The Legislature finds that revenues raised from the licensing of
2 electronic table games under 4 CMC §1503 (a) (6) shall be deposited into the following
3 special accounts created by the Secretary of Finance: a) 15% to the Retirement Defined
4 Benefit Plan Members Fund; b) 60% to the Northern Marianas Retirement Fund Account; c)
5 15% to the Special Account for the Third Senatorial District and d) 10% divided equally into
6 the Special Account for the First and Second Senatorial Districts.

7 The Legislature further finds that the fees collected and deposited into the Special
8 Accounts for the First and Second Senatorial Districts shall be available for appropriation for
9 gaming and tourism enhancement activities. Due to unforeseen circumstances and in light of
10 the recent natural calamity, it would be in the best interest of the people of the First and
11 Second Senatorial Districts if their Legislative Delegation had the ability to appropriate these
12 funds to projects and programs in their respective districts that urgently need them.

13 Therefore, it is the purpose of this Act to give the First and Second Senatorial
14 Districts the flexibility to appropriate such funds within their districts.

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1 **Section 2. Amendment.** Title 4 of the Commonwealth Code Section 1511 (d) is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **“§ 1511. Special Accounts.**

4 (d) Special Account for First and Second Senatorial Districts. The Secretary of
5 Finance shall deposit 10% of the fees collected annually pursuant to this 4 CMC
6 §1503(a) (6) into this account and divide the fees equally in subaccounts for the First
7 and Second Senatorial Districts. The funds deposited into subaccounts shall be
8 available for appropriation by the Legislative Delegation of the First and Second
9 Senatorial Districts, respectively.”

10 **Section 3. Severability.** If any of this Act or the application of any such provision in
11 any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the
12 remainder of this Act or the application of its provision to persons or circumstance other than
13 those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

14 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
15 construed as affecting any excising right required under contract or acquired under statutes
16 repealed or under any rule, regulations or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers
17 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law.
18 The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying,
19 any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act
20 becomes effective.

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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:



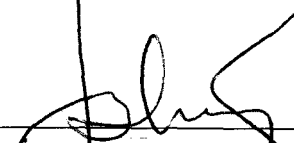
Linda B. Muña, House Clerk

Certified by:



SPEAKER RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN
House of Representatives
19th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Approved this 9th day of August, 2016



VICTOR B. HOCOG
ACTING GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands