



**RALPH DLG. TORRES**  
Governor

**VICTOR B. HOCOG**  
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH of the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**29 OCT 2018**

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

The Honorable Arnold I. Palacios  
Senate President, The Senate  
Twentieth 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. 20-191, HS1** entitled, "To appropriate the funds under Public Law No. 20-67 that were line item vetoed under Governors Communication dated September 27, 2018 relating to the Appropriation Act of 2019; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 20-78**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,



**RALPH DLG. TORRES**

cc: Lt. Governor; Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; Marianas Visitors Authority; Mayor of Rota; Department of Public Works; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



# House of Representatives

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

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October 15, 2018

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. 20-191, HS1**, entitled: "To appropriate the funds under Public Law No. 20-67 that were line item vetoed under Governors Communication dated September 27, 2018 relating to the Appropriations Act of 2019; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,



Linda B. Muña  
House Clerk

Attachment



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

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Fourth Regular Session**

**October 1, 2018**

REPRESENTATIVE GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*), in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

**H.B. NO. 20-191, HS1**

**AN ACT**

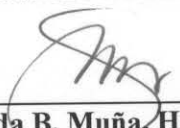
**TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS UNDER PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-67 THAT WERE LINE ITEM VETOED UNDER GOVERNORS COMMUNICATION DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2019; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Bill was not referred to a House Committee.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON  
FINAL READING, OCTOBER 1, 2018;**  
*with amendments* in the form of H. B. No. 20-191, HS1 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, OCTOBER 9, 2018;**  
*without amendments and was returned to*  
**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

**THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON OCTOBER 1, 2018.**

  
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Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



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

FIFTH DAY, FOURTH REGULAR SESSION

OCTOBER 1, 2018

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**H. B. No. 20-191, HS1**

AN ACT

**TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS UNDER PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-67 THAT WERE LINE ITEM VETOED UNDER GOVERNORS COMMUNICATION DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2019; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

1           **Section 1. Findings.** The Legislature finds that the Honorable Governor Ralph  
2 DLG. Torres line item vetoed Section 301 of the Appropriations Act of 2019 regarding the  
3 usage of MVA funds for the First Senatorial District to pay for fifteen Municipal Employees  
4 for the First Senatorial District. The Legislature is cognizant of the fact that with this line  
5 item veto, the fifteen employees are not budgeted for Fiscal Year 2019.

6           Furthermore, the Legislature finds that the Honorable Governor also line item vetoed  
7 Section 705 (d), (e) and (f) of the Appropriations Act of 2019 pertaining to the funds  
8 allocated to the First Senatorial District. The Legislature finds that these funds associated  
9 under Section 705 (d), (e) and (f) can be utilized to fund these employees.

10           Therefore, the intent of this Act is to reallocate the funds that were line item vetoed  
11 under Section 705 (d), (e) and (f) to fund the fifteen Municipal employees that are not  
12 budgeted for Fiscal Year 2019 due to the line item veto of Section 301 regarding the usage of

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**HOUSE BILL 20-191, HS1**


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1 MVA funds for the First Senatorial District to pay for fifteen Municipal Employees for the  
 2 First Senatorial District within Public Law No. 20-67.

3 **Section 2. Amendment.**

4 A. Schedule A, page 3, First Senatorial District Rota, Business Units 1065, 1482, and  
 5 1352 of Public Law No. 20-67 is amended as follows:

First Senatorial District Rota	Business Unit	NOP	Personnel	Operations	Utilities	Total
Mayor Rota	1065	139	\$2,590,088	\$160,529	\$300,000	\$3,050,617
Public Works Rota	1482	25	\$626,053	\$54,721	0	\$680,774
Police Rota (DPS)	1352	56	\$1,525,962	\$515,624	0	\$2,041,586

6 B. Section 705 of Public Law No. 20-67 is amended by adding the following  
 7 subsection:

8 “(O) Out of the funds appropriated to Personnel Office of the Mayor – Rota  
 9 BU 1065, \$280,000.00 shall be used to fund the employment of fifteen Rota  
 10 Municipal employees transferred to BU 1065.”

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

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

HOUSE BILL 20-191, HS1

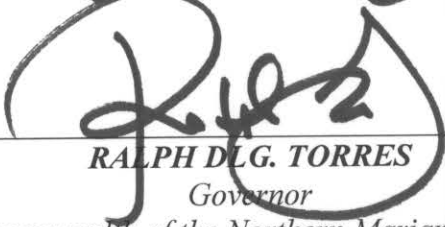
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**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

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

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

Approval this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018

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