

NINTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

H. B. NO. 9-300, S.D.2

SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, 1994

AN ACT

To authorize the appropriation of two million four hundred thousand dollars from the Retirement Fund's amusement machine derived revenues to design and construct appropriate aging centers for the *man'amko* and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NINTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds that the current Man'amko centers in the First and Third senatorial districts are no longer adequate to meet the needs of our elderly citizens. They exist in a state of continuing decay and disrepair for reasons primarily due to their age. As such, they are increasingly unsafe to be utilized by those who are our elderly parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents. Nor is it fitting that our community which prides itself on a cultural heritage that respects and reveres its senior citizens to stand idly by while they are in need. In light of this, the Legislature finds that it is appropriate to reallocate revenues from the licensing of amusement machines in order to correct this serious problem.

Section 2. Authorization for Appropriation. The Secretary of Finance shall set aside the sum of two million four hundred thousand dollars of the revenue reserved under 4 CMC Section 1506(b) of which one million five hundred thousand dollars is hereby authorized for appropriation for the design and construction of an Aging or Man'amko Center for the elderly citizens of the CNMI in the Third Senatorial District, three hundred fifty thousand is hereby authorized for appropriation for the design and construction of an Aging or Man'amko Center for the elderly citizens of the CNMI in the First Senatorial District, five hundred thousand is hereby authorized for appropriation for completion of the Tinian Court House project, and fifty thousand is hereby authorized for appropriation for the Tinian Fire Station project. Expenditure authority is to reside with the Secretary of the Department of Public Works.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision 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 this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes effective.

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

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Diego T. Benavente
DIEGO T. BENAVENTE
Speaker
House of Representatives

/s/ Evelyn C. Fleming
EVELYN C. FLEMING
House Clerk

_____ this _____ day of _____, 1995

FROILAN C. TENORIO
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Became Public Law No. 9-28, on 2/14/95, without the Governor's Signature.