

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE SPECIAL SESSION, 2013

SESSION DAY CALENDAR DAY TIME
1st Day, Fifth Special Session Friday, June 21, 2013 9:30 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

- 1. ROLL CALL
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS NONE
- 4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
 - A. House Bills:

H. B. No. 18-86

To repeal 1 CMC § 8392 (reemployment and double dipping) (5) (c) and (d); and for other purposes.

REP. ANTHONY T. BENAVENTE of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for himself)

H. B. No. 18-87

To establish the offense of Abuse of authority/Issuance of Unlawful Orders.

REP. CHRISTOPHER D. LEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Roman C. Benavente, Trenton B. Conner, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Mariano Taitano, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. No. 18-88

To amend Title 4, Division 5, Chapter 5, by adding new section 5569 and amending section 5593 to criminalize the sale and/or resale of products purchased or obtained from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service ("AAFES") and to authorize the Commonwealth Department of Commerce, Division of Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control, the Department of Public Safety and the Office of the Attorney General to enforce and prosecute violations of this Act; and for other purposes.

REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (for himself)

H. B. No. 18-89

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To establish the offense of Obstruction or Interference with a Court Order or Subpoena and dispose of all fees within Article 1 by amending Offenses Against Public Administration, Article I, Chapter 3 of Title 6 of the CNMI Code.

REP. CHRISTOPHER D. LEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, Trento B. Conner, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Mariano Taitano, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. No. 18-90

To increase all fines under Title 9 sections 1101 et seq. (Vehicle Code) of the Commonwealth Code by ten percent (10%).

REP. FRANCISCO S. DELA CRUZ of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for himself, Representative Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. No. 18-91

To establish a school choice program administered by the CNMI Public School System in order to increase the quality of education for all students by Fall 2013.

REP. RAMON A. TEBUTEB of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero)

B. House Local Bills:

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions

H. RES. No. 18-24

To recognize and commend Angelica Seloterio Lucero for placing First and over-all champion in the 6th-8th grade category in the 2013 CNMI PSS Island-wide STEM Fair and First Place in Division 3, the Energy and Invention Category during the 35th Annual Island-wide Science Fair held in Guam.

REP. TERESITA A. SANTOS of Rota, Precinct 7 (for herself)

H. RES. No. 18-25

Respectfully urging Honorable Eloy S. Inos, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Honorable Jude U. Hofschneider, Lieutenant Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue homesteads to those pending applicants who have been waiting to get a homestead lot to which they are entitled to.

REP. TRENTON B. CONNER of Tinian, Precinct 6 (for himself)

H. RES. No. 18-26

To recognize and congratulate Janica Quitano Lizama as Valedictorian of the Senior Class of 2013 from Kagman High School.

REP. ANTONIO R. AGULTO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (for himself)

H. RES. No. 18-27

To recognize and congratulate Tasha Deleon Guerrero Dela Cruz as Salutatorian of the Senior Class of 2013 from Kagman High School.

REP. ANTONIO R. AGULTO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (for himself)

H. RES. No. 18-28

To respectfully urge the Honorable Eloy S. Inos, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to nominate a highly qualified and competent female as the next Associate Judge to the Commonwealth Superior Court.

REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for herself)

- **B.** House Joint Resolutions:
- *C.* House Commemorative Resolutions:
- **D.** House Concurrent Resolutions:

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 18-46: (5/28/13) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Lorie Hutchinson, Physician Assistant, at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to receive an annual salary of \$80,000. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 18-47: (5/28/13) Certifying and granting approval for Dr. Paige Vanier Kreegel, Physician, at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to receive an annual salary of \$200,000. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 18-48: (6/6/13) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. No. 18-16, D2, (To appropriate \$22,000.00 and re-appropriate the sum of \$14,039.00 from Tinian Local Laws 18-1 and 18-2 and for other purposes.). Became **Tinian Local Law 18-4**. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 18-49: (6/10/13) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Chrislaine DLR. Pangelinan, Medical Social Worker, at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to receive an annual salary of \$52,000. [For info]

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GOV. COMM. 18-50: (6/13/13) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. No. 18-9, S1, (To appropriate \$3,183,000.00 from revenues to be collected pursuant to Saipan Local Laws 11-2 as amended for fiscal year 2013; to re-appropriate fund balances from Saipan Local Laws 15-11 and 17-16; to amend Saipan Local Law 18-1; and for other purposes.). Became **Saipan Local Law 18-3**. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 18-51: (6/13/13) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Wesley Matthew Bogdan, Legal Counsel to the Lt. Governor, to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 18-52: (6/14/13) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Eden Love Schwartz, Assistant Public Defender, to receive an annual salary of \$55,000. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 18-53: (6/18/13) Informing the House that he signed into law H. B. No. 18-17, (To amend Public Law 17-8 Section 2 to include necessary changes to finalize projects associated with the original intent of the reprogramming of the One Million (\$1,000,000.00) as appropriated under Section 2(b) of Public Law 13-56; and for other purposes.). Became **Public Law 18-11**. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 18-54: (6/19/13) **Executive Order 2013-12** – Declaration of a State of Emergency: CHC's Imminent threat of disruption of critical medical services in the Commonwealth and the danger that such a condition poses to the public because of the great increase in otherwise preventable deaths that would result.

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 18-42: (6/5/13) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 18-11, D1 entitled, "To commend active U.S, Army military officer Lieutenant Colonel Harry Camacho Blanco for his recent promotion to Colonel (Full Bird) and applaud his feat in being the first son of the Commonwealth to reach the highest military ranking officer in the history of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands," which was adopted by the Senate. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 18-43: (6/5/13) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 18-12, entitled, "To recognize and commend Lieutenant Colonel Gregorio Vicente Muna Sablan Jr for his outstanding military achievements and for his contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands," which was adopted by the Senate. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 18-44: (6/5/13) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 18-13, entitled, "To recognize and commend Alexandro "Colonel" P. Sablan for his untiring commitment to composing and producing great Chamorro music and other genres that will always be remembered in the history of the CNMI and cultural artists," which was adopted by the Senate. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 18-45: (6/5/13) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 18-14, entitled, "To request the Governor and the Department of Public Lands to increase revenue collections by reinstating a pozzolan commercial mining permit for Pagan Island," which was adopted by the Senate. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 18-46: (6/5/13) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 18-4, entitled, "To recognize and commend Florentina San Austin for her untiring commitment to serving the CNMI military veterans during her tenure as a Senior Veterans Service Representative under the Guam Veterans Benefits Administration," which was adopted by the Senate. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 18-47 (6/19/13) Returning H. J. R. 18-8 (To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through its Governor, to submit to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Application No. B-13-ST69-0001; the HOME Investment Partnership Grant Application No. M-13-ST69-0203; and, the Emergency Solutions Grant Application No. S-13-DC69-0001; to receive the funds requested therein, and to assume all responsibilities that may be imposed by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Programs.), which was adopted by the Senate, with amendments, in the form of H. J. R. 18-8, SD1, on June 19, 2013. [For action]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 18-42: (6/4/13) From Representative Seman informing the Speaker that he will be off-island on official business from Tuesday, June 25, 2013 until Friday, June 28, 2013, and request to be excused from any sessions.

HSE. COMM. 18-43: (6/6/13) From the Speaker informing all Members that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official and personal business from Monday, June 10, 2013 to July 5, 2013 and designates Vice Speaker Dela Cruz as Acting Speaker.

HSE. COMM. 18-44: (6/10/13) From Representative Villagomez informing the Speaker that he will be off-island beginning Wednesday evening, June 12, 2013 to Friday evening, June 14, 2013 and request to be excused from any sessions or meetings during his absence.

9. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH - NONE**

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES - NONE

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS - NONE

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- **S. C. R. No. 18-11, S1:** Reporting on H. B. No. 18-29, entitled: "To amend the Weapons Control Act to promote and allow Outdoor Shooting Ranges, Skeet shooting developments offering competitive rifle competition and skeet shootings and to amend the Customs Violations provisions to accommodate Outdoor Shooting Ranges and revision to correct technical errors" *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 18-29, HD1.*
- **S. C. R. No. 18-30**: Reporting on H. B. No. 18-44, entitled: "To require the Department of Finance, Division of Revenue and Taxation's to make periodic inspections of sales receipts in the CNMI; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 18-44, HD1*.
- S. C. R. No. 18-31: Reporting on H. B. No. 18-64, entitled: "To amend Rota Local Law No. 17-6; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 18-64 in its current form.*
- **S. C. R. No. 18-32**: Reporting on H. B. No. 18-49, entitled: "To authorize the Marianas Visitors Authority to regulate tour operators and tour guides by amending 4 CMC§ 2103; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Tourism recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 18-49 in its current form.*
- **S. C. R. No. 18-33**: Reporting on H. B. No. 18-48, entitled: "To restrict the use of wireless telephones while driving vehicles; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 18-48 in its current form.*

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

SPC. C. R. No. 18-3: From your Special on NMI Retirement Fund Reporting on H. L. I. No. 18-3, "To amend Article III, Section 20(b) of the N. M. I. Constitution to eliminate double dipping and remove the provision granting five years credited service for employees with not less than twenty years credited service." *Your Special Committee on NMI Retirement Fund recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. L. I. No. 18-3, HD1*.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action
H. RES. No. 18-23	To honor and commend Lawrence Allan Lee for his outstanding services and contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands most especially his contribution of Higher Education to the CNMI Educational System.	
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16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
H. B. No. 18-58	A bill for an Act to reauthorize the NMC Apprenticeship	
	Program consistent with Title 3 section 1356 of the CNMI	
	Code." See [S. C. R. No. 18-24]	
S. B. No. 18-15	A Bill for an Act to amend 4 CMC § 51102 (e); and for	
	other purposes." See [S. C. R. No. 18-28]	
H. B. No. 18-33	A Bill for an Act to re-establish the Commonwealth Board of	
	Nurse Examiners as an autonomous public agency; and for	
	other purposes." See [S. C. R. No. 18-29]	

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY: 1st Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced. **SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

H. L. B. No. 18-19

To appropriate \$19,000 from the Third Senatorial District Developers Infrastructure Tax Fund; to re-appropriate the unobligated/lapsed funds under Saipan Local Law 17-6; to amend Saipan Local Law 17-6, as amended by Saipan Local Law 18-1; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Rafael S. Demapan of Saipan, Precinct 2 (for himself) on June 5, 2013.

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

H. L. B. No. 18-17

To establish the Rota Resident Identification Card Program; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Teresita A. Santos of Rota, Precinct 7 (for herself) on May 21, 2013.

H. L. B. No. 18-18

To regulate the price for the sale of essential goods in the First Senatorial District. Introduced by Rep. Teresita A. Santos of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*) on May 21, 2013.

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on 6/5/13:

H. B. No. 18-78

To amend 1 CMC, Division 8, §8245(c), the annual compensation for resident department heads; and for other purposes. Introduced by **Rep. Teresita A. Santos** of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*) on June 5, 2013, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 18-79

To enact a Lemon Law which provides protection to consumers from defects in second-hand or previously owed motor vehicles; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Mariano Taitano, and Ramon A. Tebuteb) on June 5, 2013, referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 18-80

To amend 9 CMC section 8205 subsections (c) and (d) and 9 CMC section 8211 pertaining to motor vehicle insurance coverage; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for himself) on June 5, 2013 was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 18-81

To amend 6 CMC § 3113 to improve the enforcement of the prohibitions on loitering and change the penalty to an infraction. Introduced by Rep. Christopher D. Leon Guerrero of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, Trenton B. Conner, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Rafael S. Demapan, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Mariano Taitano, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on June 5, 2013, referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 18-82

To create "The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Anti-Violence Leave Act of 2013". Introduced by REP. GEORGE N. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*) on June 5, 2013, referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 18-83

To provide for the care, maintenance, supervision, and administration of public cemeteries. Introduced by Rep. Anthony T. Benavente of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on June 5, 2013, referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H. B. No. 18-84

To establish a Northern Marianas Descent Business Development Fund to be funded by the income from the funds invested by the Marianas Public Lands Trust. Introduced by REP. RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (for himself) on June 5, 2013, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 18-85

To set forth minimum standards for Board of Parole membership. Introduced by REP. ANTONIO R. AGULTO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (for himself) on June 5, 2013, referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

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H. RES. No. 18-21

To congratulate and commend the Saipan Southern High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp. Manta Ray Battalion for their outstanding achievements and exemplary performances. Introduced by Rep. Janet U. Maratta of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Trenton B. Conner, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, Felicidad T. Ogumoro, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Teresita A. Santos, Richard B. Seman, Mariano Taitano, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, Ralph N. Yumul) on June 5, 2013, and calendared.

H. RES. No. 18-22

To recognize and commend Vannah Dior Quitugua Hocog for her outstanding educational accomplishments. Introduced by REP. TERESITA A. SANTOS of Rota, Precinct 7 (for herself Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Trenton B. Conner, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, Janet U. Maratita, Felicidad T. Ogumoro, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Richard B. Seman, Mariano Taitano, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, Ralph N. Yumul) on June 5, 2013, and calendared.

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House information on deadlines for override: None