

**TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT**  
**DIVISION 1: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

**§ 1402. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

(a) “Local bill” means a bill that, if enacted, becomes a law pertaining exclusively to matters within one senatorial district, and may include but is not limited to:

- (1) Speed limits on any public road;
  - (2) Naming of public buildings, parks, and streets;
  - (3) Litter clean-up and sanitation;
  - (4) Curfew for:
    - (i) Juveniles, or
    - (ii) Bars and other business establishments;
  - (5) Conservation of wildlife such as deer, fruitbats, or coconut crabs, so long as it is more restrictive than Commonwealth-wide laws or regulations;
  - (6) Regulation of admission to movie theaters and any other events open to the public;
  - (7) Regulating the conduct of boxing and other sporting activities;
  - (8) Gambling prohibition and regulation, so long as such regulations are in addition to Commonwealth regulations;
  - (9) Regulation of cockfighting;
  - (10) Regulation of bingo and batu;
  - (11) Construction and maintenance of community halls and municipal buildings;
  - (12) Noise abatement and prevention and nuisance control matters;
  - (13) Licensing and control of animals;
  - (14) Traffic control, so long as the traffic control is more restrictive than Commonwealth laws or regulations;
  - (15) Construction and maintenance of public roads and docks which have not been designated as primary or secondary;
  - (16) Hunting and fishing matters, so long as such requirements are in addition to what is required by Commonwealth law or regulation;
  - (17) Organization of and employment in the office of the local mayor;
  - (18) The conservation and protection of all varieties of hot pepper plants;
- and,
- (19) The conservation and protection of all varieties of culturally-recognized herbal and medicinal plants.
  - (20) The establishment and regulation of Community Improvement Districts or CIDs that enhance existing features or create new attractions within a district established by local law or regulations. The purpose of establishing a CIDs is to improve the community through infrastructure investment and creating conditions that attract new growth. CIDs may include capital improvements, beautification, community safety, business retention and economic development.

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(b) “Local appropriation bill” means a bill that, if enacted, becomes a law appropriating funds within one senatorial district, but shall be limited to funds generated from that district, and may include but is not limited to:

(1) Funding for special projects, programs and other local public purposes;

(2) Funding offices of the mayor;

(3) Funding for recreational and parks facility maintenance and expansion; and

(4) Authorization for mayors to spend for local public purposes pursuant to N.M.I. Const. art. VI, § 3(f);

(c) “Local revenue bill” means a bill that, if enacted, becomes a law generating revenue within one senatorial district, and may include but is not limited to:

(1) Gross revenue surtax not to exceed one percent;

(2) Real property tax not to exceed two percent of the appraised values;

(3) Admission tax to movie theaters and other events open to the public; and

(4) Gambling amusement machine and gambling revenue taxes, so long as the taxes are in addition to any taxes required by Commonwealth law.

(5) Poker machine and pachinko slot machine license fees pursuant to 4 CMC § 1503(e) and 1504(d).

(d) “Northern islands” means the islands north of Saipan.

(e) “Senatorial district” means the First Senatorial District of Rota, the Second Senatorial District of Tinian and Aguigan, and the Third Senatorial District of Saipan and the Northern Islands.

**Source:** PL 3-77, § 2; amended by PL 9-35, §§ 2, 3; new subsection (c)(5) added by PL 11-25, § 16; (a)(18) and (a)(19) added by PL 17-71, § 2 (Mar. 29, 2012), modified; subsection (c)(6) added by PL 18-54 (July 1, 2014), modified; (c)(6) repealed by PL 19-79, § 3 (Jan. 16, 2017); (a)(20) added by PL 21-30, § 2 (July 1, 2020).

**Commission Comment:** PL 11-25, that added new subsection (c)(5) of this section, took effect on August 10, 1998. Public Law 17-71 (effective Mar. 29, 2012) was enacted to allow all Senatorial Districts to enact protective measures to preserve vital plants and herbs. *See* PL 17-71 § 1.

The Commission corrected capitalization and punctuation in subsections (a)(18), (a)(19), and (c)(6) and inserted the word “and” at the end of subsection (a)(18) pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(g).