

**Arnold I. Palacios**  
Governor



**David M. Apatang**  
Lieutenant Governor

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

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The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Edith E. Deleon Guerrero  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker and Madame President:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Bill No. 23-75**, entitled, "To re-appropriate Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred One Dollars (\$13, 401.00) allotted under Public Law No. 20-61; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 23-16**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

  
**ARNOLD I. PALACIOS**  
Governor

cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision;  
Public Auditor; Secretary of Finance; Resident Director, Rota DPS;  
Special Assistant for Administration; Programs and Legislative Review Office



Public Law No. 23-16  
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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December 22, 2023

The Honorable Arnold I. Palacios  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern  
Mariana Islands  
Capitol Hill  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Palacios:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your action **H. B. No. 23-75**, entitled: "To re-appropriate Thirteen thousand four hundred one dollars (\$13,401.00) allotted under Public Law No. 20-61; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

  
Linda B. Muña  
House Clerk

Attachment





**TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANA COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**

REPRESENTATIVE JULIE M.A. OGO, ROTA, PRECINCT 7 (*for herself*) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

**H. B. No. 23-75**

**AN ACT**

**TO RE-APPROPRIATE THIRTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED ONE DOLLARS (\$13,401.00) ALLOTTED UNDER PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-61; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The Bill was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means, which submitted Standing Committee Report 23-48; adopted 11/6/2023.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, NOVEMBER 6, 2023;**  
*without amendments* and transmitted to **THE SENATE.**

**IN THE SENATE**

The Bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs, which submitted Standing Committee Report 23-66; adopted 12/19/2023.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, DECEMBER 19, 2023;**  
*without amendments* and returned to **THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

**H. B. No. 23-75 IS DULY PASSED BY THE TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE.**

  
Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

EIGHTH DAY, SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
NOVEMBER 6, 2023

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**H. B. No. 23-75**

**AN ACT**

**TO RE-APPROPRIATE THIRTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED ONE DOLLARS (\$13,401.00) ALLOTTED UNDER PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-61; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1           **SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

2           The legislature finds that Public Law No. 20-61 appropriated Fifteen Million Dollars  
3 from the Special Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account to various programs in the First, Second  
4 and Third Senatorial Districts. Funds specifically appropriated to the First Senatorial District  
5 for the Rota DPS Academy was not completely exhausted therefore the remaining balance will  
6 be re-appropriated so that the Rota DPS can utilize the funds for its operations and fuel.

7           The purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate Thirteen thousand four hundred one dollars  
8 (\$13,401.00) allotted under Public Law No. 20-61, Section 2 (c)(1)(E).

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1           **SECTION 2. RE-APPROPRIATION.**

2           Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws or regulations to the contrary, Thirteen  
3 thousand four hundred one dollars (\$13,401.00) allotted under Public Law No. 20-61,  
4 specifically under Section 2 (c)(1)(E) is hereby appropriated as follows:

5                   (a) Thirteen thousand four hundred one dollars (\$13,401.00) to the Rota DPS  
6 for fuel and operations under the expenditure authority of the Rota DPS Resident  
7 Director.

8           **SECTION 3. FISCAL YEAR LIMITATION AND REPROGRAMMING.**

9           Notwithstanding any laws, provisions or regulations to the contrary, the funds  
10 appropriated under Section 2 of this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose and  
11 all the fuds shall be available for expenditure without fiscal year limitations.

12           **SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.**

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

17           **SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

18           This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any  
19 existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule,  
20 regulation, or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect  
21 any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not


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1 have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which  
2 shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

3 **SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor, or it becoming law without  
5 such approval.

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

Certified by:   
**SPEAKER EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ**  
House of Representatives  
23<sup>rd</sup> Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024

  
**ARNOLD I. PALACIOS**  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands