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Section 606.(a) All bonds issued by the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands or by its authority will be exempt, as to principal and interest, by taxation by the United States, or by any State, territory or possession of the United States, or any political subdivision of any of them.

(b) [MPSC: During the initial seven year period of financial assistance provided for in Section 702,] [US: for so long as the United States Government provides direct financial assistance pursuant to Article VII of this Agreement,] the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands will authorize no public indebtedness (other than bonds or other obligations of the Government payable solely from revenues derived from any public improvement or undertaking) in excess of ten percentum of the aggregate assessed evaluation of the property within the Northern Mariana Islands.