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SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1985

DELEGATE PROPOSAL NO. 205-85

A PROPOSAL

To add a new Section ____ to Article X to relative to appropriation of public funds.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

Upon ratification pursuant to Section 5 of Article XVIII of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution and Public Law No. 4-30, a new Section _____ is added to Article X of the Constitution to read:

"Section _____. Appropriations.

(a) No funds available to the Commonwealth may be expended except pursuant to an appropriation; Provided, that the legislature may provide for specific cases to which this provision shall not apply; Provided further, that this provision shall not apply during a state of emergency declared pursuant to Article III, Section 10 of this Constitution.

(b) The legislature shall make careful, reasonable and realistic estimates of the revenues to become available to the Commonwealth in a fiscal year prior to enactment of any appropriations for the fiscal year concerned and shall not appropriate funds in excess of the revenues so estimated."

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