THE THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF AMERICAN SAMOA

First Regular Session

Begun and held at Fagatogo, Tutuila, American Samoa on Monday, the fourteenth day of January two thousand and nineteen

AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$54,000.00 TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF A 2018 FORD TRANSIT 350 15 PASSENGER VAN TO TRANSPORT INMATES AND PRISONERS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

Preamble:

- WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 22.0820 American Samoa Code Annotated, there has been created a designated account entitled "ASG Traffic Rehabilitation Account", into which are deposited law enforcement costs offset fees of \$10 per traffic conviction; and
- WHEREAS, the funds in this account can be utilized for purchase or maintenance of traffic control devices, traffic patrol vehicles, and traffic safety or traffic law enforcement equipment; and
- WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety has determined that the most effective utilization of the available funds at this time is to purchase a 15 Passenger Van in order to safely transport inmates and prisoners; and
- WHEREAS, the current transport van is no longer safe to operate and must be replaced to ensure the safety of the public, inmates, corrections and police officers; and
- WHEREAS, the funds in this account are subject to appropriation by the Legislature; and
- WHEREAS, due to the urgent need to transport inmates safely, this bill should have an immediate effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF AMERICAN SAMOA:

Section 1. Appropriation of revenue.

There is appropriated the sum of \$54,000 from the ASG – Traffic Rehabilitation Account to provide funding to the Department of Public Safety to fund the local share of the purchase of a 2018 Ford Transit 350 15 Passenger Van.

Sec 2. Effective date.

Due to the urgent need to transport inmates safely, this bill shall become effective immediately upon passage by the Legislature and approval by the Governor.

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