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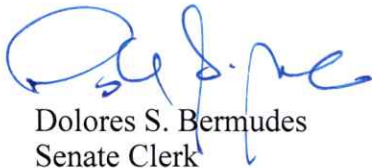
September 16, 2025

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez  
Speaker  
House of Representatives  
24<sup>th</sup> Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Speaker Villagomez:

I have the honor of returning with amendments House Bill No. 24-45, entitled, "To re-appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) under Public Law No. 21-10, Section 2(G), for operational expenses of the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota." The Senate passed on Final Reading by the unanimous vote of the members present H.B. No 24-45, SD1, entitled, "To re-appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) under Public Law No. 21-10, Section 2(G), for operational expenses of the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota and for the Rota patients' subsistence allowance", in its 3<sup>rd</sup> Day, Fourth Special Session on September 15, 2025.

Sincerely,

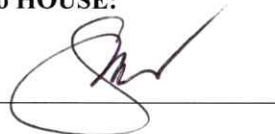


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**TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**

**LEGISLATURE**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**AUGUST 15, 2025**

**Second Regular Session, 2025**

**H. B. 24-45, SD1**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

To re-appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) under Public Law No. 21-10, Section 2(G), for operational expenses of the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota and for the Rota patients' subsistence allowance.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE 24<sup>TH</sup> NORTHERN MARIANAS  
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1           **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that, pursuant to  
2 Public Law No. 21-10, the annual casino license fee paid for the sixth year is to be  
3 distributed in accordance with 4 CMC § 2307. Specifically, 4 CMC § 2307(a)  
4 provides that Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) shall be allocated to the First  
5 Senatorial District. Further, Section 2(G) of Public Law No. 21-10 designates Fifty  
6 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from this allocation for partial payment to Sun  
7 Palace for lodging expenses incurred by Rota patients, under the expenditure  
8 authority of the Secretary of Finance.

9           The Legislature further finds that, according to a funding certification issued  
10 by the Department of Finance on October 29, 2024, the Fifty Thousand Dollars

1 (\$50,000.00) allocated under Section 2(G) of Public Law No. 21-10 remained  
2 unencumbered and available in Business Unit No. 7193B.

3 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate the Fifty Thousand  
4 Dollars (\$50,000.00) to the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota for  
5 operational expenses and for the Rota patients' subsistence allowance.

6 **Section 2. Re-appropriation.** Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) under  
7 Section 2(G) of Public Law No. 21-10, deposited in BU 7193B, is reappropriated  
8 as follows:

9 “(a) ~~Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)~~ Twenty Five Thousand Dollars  
10 ~~(\$25,000) under Section 2(G) of Public Law No. 21-10, deposited in BU 7193B,~~ is  
11 hereby reappropriated to the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota for  
12 Operational Expenses.

13 (b) Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) is reappropriated for the Rota  
14 patients' subsistence allowance.”

15 **Section 3. Expenditure Authority.**

16 (a) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(a) of this  
17 Act shall be the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota.

18 (b) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(b) of this  
19 Act shall be the Secretary of Finance.

20 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of  
21 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court

1 of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its  
2 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid  
3 shall not be affected thereby.

4       **Section 5. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall  
5 not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired  
6 under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the  
7 statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted  
8 under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect  
9 of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall  
10 already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

11       **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the  
12 Governor, or it becoming law without such approval.

Prefiled: 8/6/2025

Date: 8/6/2025

Introduced by: /s/ Rep. Julie M.A. Ogo

Reviewed for legal sufficiency by:

/s/ Jose A. Bermudes  
Legal Counsel

Date: 8/6/2025