

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SESSION, 202**6**

H. L. B. 24-**47**

**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To appropriate One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the continued operation and regulatory oversight of the Rota Casino Gaming Commission; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
DELEGATION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF
THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2 The Rota Local Law 24-05 under Section 2(c) reserved \$200,000 for
3 appropriation by the Rota Legislative Delegation. *See* Rota Local Law 24-05,
4 Section 2(c).

5 The purpose of this bill is to appropriate the local funds for One
6 HundredThousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the continued operation and
7 regulatory oversight of the Rota Casino Gaming Commission and other needs of
8 the municipality.

9 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

1 Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws, or regulations to the
2 contrary, the Rota Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates, from the reserved
3 funds under Rota Local Law 24-05, Section 2(c), One Hundred Thousand Dollars
4 (\$100,000.00) to the Rota Casino Gaming Commission (RCGC) for its operations
5 and other needs of the municipality to be used as follows:

6 (a) \$50,000 for the RCGC Operations; and

7 (b) \$50,000 for the payment of salaries of the previous RCGC members.

8 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

9 The RCGC Chairperson shall be the expenditure authority of the funds
10 under Section 2. Any compensation owed to a former Commission Member shall
11 be paid in accordance with 4 CMC § 9711.

12 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

13 Notwithstanding any laws, provisions, or regulations to the contrary, funds
14 appropriated under this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose unless
15 a written justification is submitted to the RLD Chairperson for approval. Three
16 RLD members shall sign the approval of the requested reprogramming.

17 **SECTION 5. REPORTING.**

18 The expenditure authority shall submit detailed monthly reports showing
19 the expenditure of funds appropriated under this Act. These reports shall be
20 furnished to the Chairpersons of the Rota Municipal Council and the First
21 Senatorial Delegation until all appropriated funds have been fully expended. If the

1 expenditure authority fails to meet this reporting requirement, no further
2 expenditures shall be authorized under this Act until the required reports are
3 submitted.

4 **SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.**

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

10 **SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

11 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as
12 affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
13 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes.
14 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or
15 pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of
16 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall
17 already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

18 **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

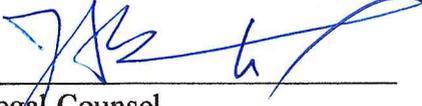
19 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming law
20 without such approval.

Prefiled: 2/20/2020

Date: 02/20/20

Introduced by: 
Rep. Julie Ogo

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:


Legal Counsel