

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 25, 2026

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H. L. B. 24-49

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A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT

To appropriate Ninety Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$99,625.00) for Medical Subsistence, Municipal Scholarship, and operations of the Mayor of Rota.

**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 purpose of this bill is to appropriate the local poker fees for the medical  
3 subsistence, the municipal scholarship, and the operations of the Mayor of Rota.

4           **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

5           Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws, or regulations to the  
6 contrary, the Rota Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates \$99,625 of the local  
7 poker fees to be used as follows:

8           (a) \$40,000 for the operations of the Office of the Mayor of Rota;

9           (b) \$20,000 for the Rota patients' subsistence allowance; and

1 (c) \$39,625 for the Rota Municipal Scholarship.

2 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

3 (a) The Mayor of Rota shall be the expenditure authority of the funds under  
4 Section 2(a).

5 (b) The Secretary of Finance shall be the expenditure authority of the funds  
6 under Section 2(b).

7 (c) The Chairperson of the Rota Municipal Scholarship shall be the  
8 expenditure authority of the funds under Section 2(c).

9 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING AND NO FISCAL LIMITATION.**

10 Notwithstanding any laws, provisions, or regulations to the contrary, funds  
11 appropriated under this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose. The  
12 funds appropriated under this Act are not subject to a fiscal year limitation.

13 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

14 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any  
15 person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction,  
16 the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or  
17 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected  
18 thereby.

19 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**


20 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as  
21 affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes

1 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes.  
2 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or  
3 pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of  
4 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall  
5 already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.


6 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Prefiled: 2/25/26

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Introduced by:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Rep. Julie Ogo

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

 2/25/26  
Legal Counsel