

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 25, 2026

Third Regular SESSION, 2026

H. L. B. 24-51

A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT

To appropriate Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the Rota Aging Program and the Rota DCCA Flame Tree Arts.

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 Rota
3 Aging Program and the Rota DCCA Flame Tree Arts Festival.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

5 Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws, or regulations to the
6 contrary, the Rota Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates \$20,000 of the local
7 poker fees to be used as follows:

8 (a) \$10,000 for the Rota Aging program and activities for Mes Man Amko;

9 and

10 (b) \$10,000 for the Rota DCCA Flame Tree Arts Festival.

1 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

2 (a) The Rota Aging Program Coordinator shall be the expenditure authority
3 of the funds under Section 2(a).

4 (b) The Rota DCCA Resident Director shall be the expenditure authority of
5 the funds under Section 2(b).

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

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

10 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

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

16 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**


17 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as
18 affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
19 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes.
20 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or
21 pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of

1 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall
2 already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

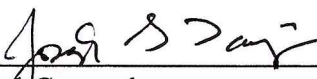
3 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Prefiled: 2/25/2026

Date: _____ Introduced by:  _____
Rep. Julie Ogo

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

 2/25/26
Legal Counsel