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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

November 14, 2025

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The Honorable Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
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Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

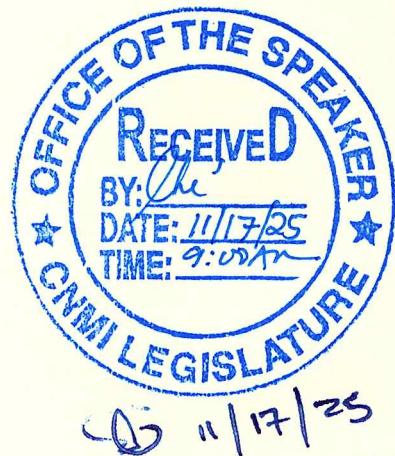
This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 24-24**, entitled "To establish the Rota Department of Public Works equipment rental fee; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Rota Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This Bill becomes **Rota Local Law 24-04**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

DAVID M. APATANG
Governor

cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision;
Mayor of Rota; Resident Director, Rota Department of Public Works;
Special Assistant for Administration; Programs and Legislative Review



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SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2025

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-24

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

To establish the Rota Department of Public Works equipment rental fee, and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representative Julie Marie A. Ogo

Introduced on August 29, 2025

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation for action on

September 29, 2025

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	9/29/25: Mayor of Rota [Del. Matters 24-42] & 20 th Rota Municipal Council [Del. Matters 24-43]
Comments Received:	None
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed Final Reading:	November 6, 2025


Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



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

1 SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

2 The Legislature finds that the Rota Department of Public Works (Rota DPW) plays a vital
3 role in maintaining the island's infrastructure, including roads, public facilities, and other essential
4 community services. In the course of its operations, the Department owns and maintains various
5 types of heavy equipment and machinery to support both public and private projects.

6 The Legislature further finds that maintenance, fueling, and operational costs of this
7 equipment are significant, and current funding is limited. Allowing the Department to charge
8 reasonable fees for the use of its equipment will not only help offset operational costs but also
9 ensure that such equipment remains available and in good working condition for the benefit of the
10 Rota community.

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1 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the collection of equipment-use fees, create a
2 dedicated revolving account for such revenues, and provide clear guidelines for the management
3 and expenditure of these funds to ensure transparency, accountability, and sustainability of the
4 Department's operations.

5 **SECTION 2. ENACTMENT.** Subject to the codification by the Law Revision Commission, the
6 following is enacted to read:

7 “Section 101. Short Title. This Act shall be cited as the “Rota DPW Equipment Rental Act
8 of 2025.”

9 Section 102. Establishment of Equipment Use Fees.

10 (a) The Rota Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to charge and collect
11 reasonable fees for the use of its equipment.

12 (b) The Mayor of Rota, in consultation with the Rota DPW Resident Director, shall
13 establish a fee schedule based on equipment type, hours of use, and other operational
14 considerations.

15 (c) The fee schedule shall be published and made available to the public.

16 Section 103. Rota DPW Revolving Account.

17 (a) There is hereby established a special account to be known as the Rota DPW
18 Revolving Account.

19 (b) All revenues collected from equipment-use fees under this Act shall be
20 deposited into the Rota DPW Revolving Account.

21 (c) The funds in the account shall not lapse at the end of a fiscal year and shall

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1 remain available until expended.

2 **Section 104. Authorized Use of Funds.**

3 The funds deposited in the Rota DPW Revolving Account shall be expended exclusively
4 for:

5 (a) Fuel and lubricants;

6 (b) Parts, tires, and maintenance supplies;

7 (c) Repairs, servicing, and operational expenses necessary to keep equipment in safe
8 and working condition;

9 (d) Other operational needs directly related to the Department's equipment.

10 **Section 105. Expenditure Authority.**

11 The expenditure authority for the *Rota DPW Revolving Account* shall rest with the Mayor
12 of Rota, in consultation with the Rota DPW Resident Director.

13 **Section 106. Rules and Regulations.**

14 The Mayor of Rota, in consultation with the Rota DPW Resident Director, may adopt rules
15 and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act."

16 **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

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

21 **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

22 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing

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

5 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:

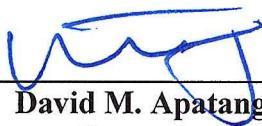


Donald M. Manglona
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Approved this 14th day of November, 2025.



David M. Apatang
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands