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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
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December 02, 2025

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
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 24-27, S1**, entitled "To appropriate Three Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$305,000.00) for the continued RCGC operations, establish a reserve fund for future appropriation by the Rota Legislative Delegation; 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 24-05**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

DAVID M. APATANG
Governor

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cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision Commission;
Public Auditor; Secretary of Finance; Special Assistant for Administration;
Mayor of Rota; Rota Casino Gaming Control Commission;
Rota Municipal Treasurer; Programs and Legislative Review

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FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2025

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-27, S1

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

To appropriate Three Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$305,000.00) for the continued RCGC operations, establish a reserve fund for future appropriation by the Rota Legislative Delegation; and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representative Julie Marie A. Ogo

Introduced on September 9, 2025

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation for action on

September 10, 2025

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	9/10/25: Mayor of Rota [Del. Matters 24-40] & 20 th Rota Municipal Council [Del. Matters 24-41]
Comments Received:	11/13/25: Mayor of Rota commented under Public Comment
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed Final Reading:	November 13, 2025, with Substitute 1


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. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this bill is to appropriate local funds for Three Hundred and Five Thousand
3 Dollars (\$305,000.00) for the continued RCGC operations, establish a reserve account, and other
4 needs of the municipality. These funds were received by the Municipality of Rota pursuant to 10
5 CMC § 12141. This local appropriation is made under the NMI CONST. art. VI § 8, cl. 2; 1 CMC
6 §§ 1402–03, and 1408; and 10 CMC § 12103. This appropriation is based on the budget request
7 adopted and approved by the 20th Rota Municipal Council during its 6th Regular Session, held on
8 August 28, 2025.

9 The \$305,000.00 is the payment of the casino license for a period of three years. The Rota
10 Legislative Delegation finds it necessary and prudent to reserve some of the funds for future needs

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1 of the RCGC for the following three years.

2 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

3 Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws or regulations to the contrary, the Rota
4 Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates, from the funds received by the Municipality of Rota
5 pursuant to 10 CMC § 12141, Three Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$305,000.00) to the
6 Rota Casino Gaming Commission (RCGC) for its operations, a reserve account for future
7 appropriation by the Rota Legislative Delegation, and other needs of the municipality to be used
8 as follows:

9 (a) \$59,500.00 for the RCGC Operations, including payment of all expenses of
10 the commission, provided that none of this appropriation under this subsection shall be
11 used for travel;

12 (b) \$45,500.00 to be equally divided for the payment of the salaries owed to
13 the 13 RCGC members. Provided that any compensation owed to a deceased
14 commission member shall be paid in accordance with 4 CMC § 9711. Provided further
15 that the Rota Municipal Treasurer or the Mayor's designee shall establish a special
16 account, the RCGC Members Payment Account. The special account shall remain open
17 for future appropriations until the past-due payments are paid in full. Provided,
18 however, the funds in the special account shall not be spent unless the RCGC
19 Chairperson certifies in writing the following;

20 (1) Name of the RCGC Member;
21 (2) Specify the time served by the Commission Member;

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(3) Any payments already made to the Commission Member; and

(4) Balance owed to the Commission Member.

Provided further that the required written certification shall be provided to the Mayor of Rota, the Rota Municipal Council Chairperson, and the Rota Legislative Delegation Chairperson.

(c) \$200,000.00 is hereby reserved for future appropriation by the Rota
lative Delegation.

SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.

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

SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.

13 Notwithstanding any laws, provisions, or regulations to the contrary, funds appropriated
14 under this Act shall not be reprogrammed.

SECTION 5. REPORTING.

16 The expenditure authority shall submit detailed quarterly reports showing the expenditure of
17 funds appropriated under this Act. These reports shall be furnished to the Chairpersons of the Rota
18 Municipal Council and the First Senatorial Delegation until all appropriated funds have been fully
19 expended. If the expenditure authority fails to meet this reporting requirement, no further
20 expenditures shall be authorized under this Act until the required reports are submitted.

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1 **SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.**

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

6 **SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

13 **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

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CERTIFIED BY:



Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
24th House of Representatives

Approved this 2nd day of December, 2025.



David M. Apatang
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands