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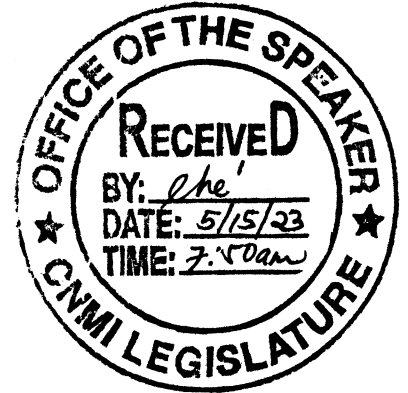
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

May 12, 2023

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

The Honorable Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950



5/15/23

Dear Mr. Chairman and Madame President:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **Senate Local Bill No. 23-01**, entitled, "To amend 10 CMC § 12114 to provide for the Rota Casino Gaming Commission members' compensation." Which was passed by the Rota Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Rota Local Law No. 23-04**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Governor

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**ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2023**

SENATE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-01

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

To amend 10 CMC § 12114 to provide for the Rota Casino Gaming Commission members' compensation.

OFFERED BY

Senator Paul A. Manglona

Introduced on February 14, 2023

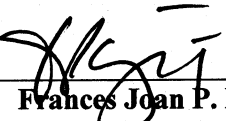
SENATE ACTION

Transmitted to Rota Legislative Delegation for action on

March 29, 2023

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	2/14/23: Mayor of Rota [Del. Matters 23-10] & 19 th Rota Municipal Council [Del. Matters 23-11]
Comments Received:	3/10/23: Mayor of Rota [Mayors Comm. 23-02] 2/17/23: 19 th RMC [RMC Comm. 23-02]
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	March 31, 2023



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.** The Delegation finds that each year, the municipality
2 spends \$300,000.00 for the compensation of the casino commission members even when there are
3 no active casinos on Rota. The commission members' compensation is a huge financial burden to
4 the municipality's obligations. To reduce the municipality's obligations and to address community
5 concerns raised at the Town Hall meeting held at the Rota Mayor's Office last May 06, 2021, the
6 Delegation proposes to amend the commission's compensation to part time compensation based
7 on meetings attended by each commissioner. Upon such time that the casino industry is revitalized
8 and operational, the compensation of the commissioners can be reevaluated once again.
9 Accordingly, the purpose of this legislation is to provide for part time compensation for the
10 members of the commission.

1 **Section 2. Amendment.** 10 CMC § 12114 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 **“§ 12114. Commission Member Compensation.**

3 Members of the Commission shall each be compensated pursuant to 1 CMC
4 § 8247 ~~at the rate of \$60,000 per year, or which amount may be readjusted by an approved~~
5 ~~regulation only with the concurrence of the Rota Municipal Council~~ and shall be
6 reimbursed for their actual, necessary, and reasonable expenses incurred in the
7 performance of their duties.

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

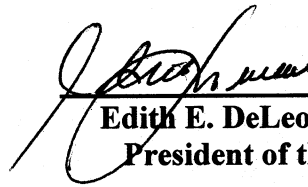
12 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
13 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
14 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes.
15 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior
16 law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying,
17 any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes
18 effective.

19 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor
20 or becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

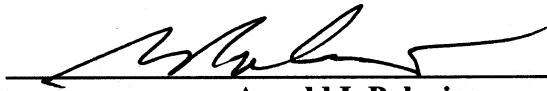


Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota Legislative Delegation



Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero
President of the Senate

Approved this 12th day of May, 2023.



Arnold I. Palacios
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands