

**TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE**

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 28, 2023

Third Special SESSION, 2023

H. L. B. *23-19*

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

To repeal Rota Local Law 13-3, which imposed a complete ban on the exportation of Raw Bayogo from the island 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. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.** The 23rd Rota Legislative
2 Delegation finds that the imposition of a complete ban on Bayogo export from
3 Rota has economically outgrown its purpose in making certain that the Bayogo
4 from Rota is not exploited to enrich others by excluding Rota Bayogo crafts in the
5 markets accessible to tourists. The ban has gone through several economic
6 changes and actually became a detriment to the people of Rota by not having the
7 opportunity to export raw Bayogo to sustain their livelihoods during economic
8 crises in the CNMI.
- 9 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to repeal Rota Local Law 13-3 and
10 lift the ban so that people from Rota can begin to explore economic opportunities
11 by either exporting raw Bayogo or venturing into crafting and exporting their

1 crafts through online marketing or other avenues.

2 **SECTION 2. Repealer.** Rota Local Law 13-3, codified under Title 10, Division
3 1, Chapter 1, Article 4, of the Commonwealth Code, is hereby repealed in its
4 entirety.

5 **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

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

11 **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

12 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as
13 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14 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes.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
16 pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of
17 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall
18 already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

19 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

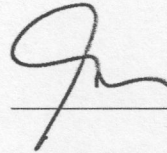
20 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its
21 becoming law without such approval.

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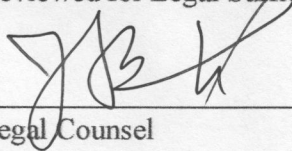
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