

TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2023

S. L. B. 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.

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

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Delegation finds that each year, the municipality spends \$300,000.00 for the compensation of the casino commission members even when there are no active casinos on Rota. The commission members' compensation is a huge financial burden to the municipality's obligations. To reduce the municipality's obligations and to address community concerns raised at the Town Hall meeting held at the Rota Mayor's Office last May 06, 2021, the Delegation proposes to amend the commission's compensation to part time compensation based on meetings attended by each commissioner. Upon such time that the casino industry is revitalized and operational, the compensation of the commissioners can be reevaluated once again. Accordingly, the purpose of this legislation is to provide for part time compensation for the members of the commission.

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

“§ 12114. Commission Member Compensation.

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

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


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herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes.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

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

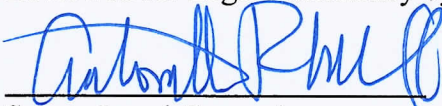
Prefiled:

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