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A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT FOR THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT

To authorize the issuance of the Rota Identification Card to Rota residents without regard to immigration status.

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 Rota Legislative Delegation (Delegation) finds that 10 CMC § 14103 requires proof of lawful resident status to obtain a Rota Resident Identification Card. The Delegation however finds that certain residents are without identification cards for specific reasons, including lack of proof of lawful status. The Delegation further finds that it is important for a Rota resident to have at least one identification card.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to amend 10 CMC § 14103 to authorize the issuance of the Rota Resident Identification Card to Rota residents who are without status.

Section 2. <u>Amendment.</u> Title 10, Section 14103, of the Commonwealth Code, is amended to read:

"§ 14103. Rota Resident Identification Card.

Upon submission of the application and the payment of the fee and determination by the Office of the Mayor of lawful resident status, the Office of the Mayor shall issue to a person a resident identification card. The application shall be accompanied by either a copy of the applicant's birth certificate or certificate of baptismal record, a passport, U.S. Social Security number or card, or any other document determined to be necessary sufficient by the Office of the Mayor to process the identification card.

At a minimum, the card shall have on it a distinguishable number assigned to the card, the full name, sex, date of birth, address, a picture, and either a facsimile signature of the cardholder or a space upon which the cardholder shall write his usual signature in ink immediately upon receipt of the identification card. No identification card shall be valid unless it has been signed by the cardholder and the presiding Mayor, or his/her designee."

Section 3. <u>Severability</u>. 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. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming law without such approval.

Prefiled:

Date: 1/26/24

Introduced By:

Senator Donald M. Manglona

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