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Governor



**ARNOLD I. PALACIOS**  
Lieutenant Governor

**COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

December 16, 2021

The Honorable Donald M. Manglona  
Co-Chairperson, Rota Legislative Delegation  
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Teresita A. Santos  
Co-Chairperson, Rota Legislative Delegation  
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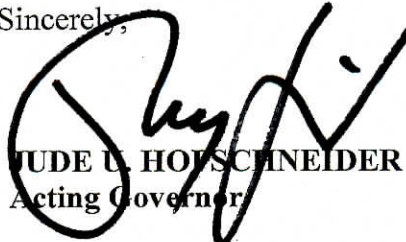
The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Co-Chairpersons and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 22-23, S1**, entitled, "To appropriate the sum of \$1,000,000.00 from the exclusive gaming annual license fees Allotted to the First Senatorial District under 4 CMC § 2307(a); and for other purposes." Which was unanimously passed by the Rota Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.


This bill becomes **Rota Local Law No. 22-04**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,



**JUDE U. HOJSCHNEIDER**  
Acting Governor

cc: Lt. Governor; Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; Secretary of Finance; Mayor of Rota; Chairman, Rota Municipal Council; Commonwealth Law Revision; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs & Legislative Review

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

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2021**

**HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 22-23, S1**

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

To appropriate the sum of \$1,000,000.00 from the exclusive gaming annual license fees allotted to the First Senatorial District under 4 CMC § 2307(a); and for other purposes.

**Offered by Representative Donald M. Manglona**  
**Prefiled on September 17, 2021 and Introduced on September 23, 2021**

***HOUSE ACTION***

**Transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation on September 27, 2021**

***DELEGATION ACTION***

<b>Committee Referral:</b>	None
<b>Standing Committee Report:</b>	None
<b>Comments Solicited:</b>	9/30/21 [Mayor of Rota DM No. 22-30] [18 <sup>th</sup> Rota Municipal Council DM No. 22-31]
<b>Comments Received:</b>	10/26/21 [RMC Comm. No. 22-3]
<b>Passed First &amp; Final Reading:</b>	12/9/21 [HLB No. 22-23, S1]

  
**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. SHORT TITLE.**

2           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate the sum of \$1,000,000.00 from the exclusive  
3 gaming annual license fees allotted to the First Senatorial District under 4 CMC § 2307(a) and  
4 for other purposes.

5 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS.**

6           Notwithstanding 10 CMC §1901, the Rota Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates  
7 the sum of \$1,000,000.00 from the exclusive gaming annual license fees allotted to the First  
8 Senatorial District under 4 CMC § 2307(a) as follows:

9           (a) Two Hundred Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars  
10           (\$217,924.00) for inter-island medical referral stipend for patients and their escorts

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1 under the expenditure authority of the CHCC CEO or his/her designee;

2 (b) Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$290,000.00) for Medical Subsistence  
3 Allowance for the Rota hemodialysis and terminally-ill patients under the  
4 expenditure authority of the Secretary of Finance;

5 (c) Sixty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$68,000.00) to the Rota Liaison Office under the  
6 expenditure authority of the Mayor of Rota;

7 1. Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) shall be used for purchased a new  
8 vehicle;

9 2. Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be used for fuel and lubrication; and

10 3. Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) shall be used for office supplies and  
11 equipment.

12 4. Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the Rota Health Clinic assessment  
13 of hemodialysis facility and to assess for medicare compliance and eligibility.

14 (d) Fifty-Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be used to purchase a vehicle for the  
15 Department of Public Safety-Rota Criminal Investigation Division and for the cost of  
16 freight under the expenditure authority of the Mayor of Rota;

17 (e) Three Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand and Seventy-Six Dollars (\$374,076.00) for  
18 the Rota Delegation community program and projects under the joint expenditure  
19 authority of the Chairpersons of the Delegation or their designee. The justification  
20 for this appropriation is based on the following:

21 Art. II, sec. 16(b) of the NMI Constitution provides that each legislative member shall  
22 receive not more than \$155,000.00 per year, however section 16(e) authorizes an

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1 adjustment on the ceiling amount based on the U.S. Department of Commerce price  
2 index. The Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Act, P.L. 22-08, provides in section 703 the  
3 price index change of 60.335%. This percentage adjustment translates to  
4 approximately \$248,519.00 per member. This means that in addition to the  
5 \$155,000.00 provided to each member in the FY 2022 Budget, each member may  
6 receive an additional \$93,519.00. Similarly, the Legislative Bureau is limited to an  
7 annual budget of \$2,000,000.00. See NMI Const., art. II, sec. 16(d). However, with  
8 the adjustment authorization in section 16(e), the Bureau is budgeted \$3,016,435.00  
9 for FY 2022.

10 **SECTION 3. REPORTS.** The expenditure authorities of the funds appropriated under Section  
11 2 of this Act shall submit an expenditure report at end of each month to the Co-Chairperson of  
12 the Rota Legislative Delegation.

13 **SECTION 4. NO FISCAL YEAR LIMITATION AND NO REPROGRAMMING.**

14 The funds allocated under this Act shall be without fiscal year limitation and there shall  
15 be no reprogramming of the funds appropriated in Section 2(c) and (d).

16 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

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

21 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

22 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any

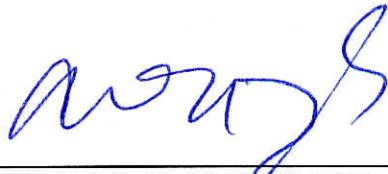
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1 existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule,  
2 regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect  
3 any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have  
4 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall  
5 already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

6 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**CERTIFIED BY:**



**DONALD M. MANGLONA**  
Co-Chairperson  
Rota Legislative Delegation



**TERESITA A. SANTOS**  
Co-Chairperson  
Rota Legislative Delegation



**EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ**  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

**Approved** on this **16<sup>th</sup>** day of **December** 2021.



**JUDE V. HOFSCHEIDER**  
Acting Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands