

# TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

# **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

# **COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

P.O. BOX 500586 SAIPAN, MP 96950

RALPH N. YUMUL **CHAIRMAN** 

Ado Jel - 5/10/2023 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-9, SI

**DATE: April 21, 2023** 

RE: House Local Bill No. 23-7

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez Speaker of the House of Representatives Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Capitol Hill Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred:

House Local Bill No. 23-7, "To appropriate \$65,000 of the Rota Poker License Fees Account (specifically under BU 3302) and for other purposes."

begs leave to report as follows:

## I. <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

After conducting financial due diligence, your committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-7 be transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation for action.

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#### II. ANALYSIS:

#### A. Purpose:

To appropriate \$65,000 of the Rota Poker License Fees Account (specifically under BU 3302) and will be appropriated as follows:

- (a) \$17,270 to pay for December 1 to 17, 2022, pay period 26, for 25 employees of the Rota Office of the Mayor. The expenditure of the funds under this subsection is the Secretary of Department of Finance.
- (b) \$47,730 for the Rota Medical Subsistence Allowance. The expenditure authority of the funds under this subsection is the Secretary of the Department of Finance.

### B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which House Local Bill No. 23-7: "To appropriate \$65,000 of the Rota Poker License Fees Account (specifically under BU 3302); and for other purposes." was referred to verify and confirm that the amount specified in the local appropriation act is accurate and available for appropriation. The Committee received SFL Communication 2023-182 dated March 28, 2023 from Acting Secretary of Finance, Mrs. Tracy B. Norita, certifying that as of March 28, 2023, for Business Unit 3302, the account has a fund balance of \$52,500 that is available for appropriation. Therefore, your Committee recommends that the Rota Legislative Delegation amend HLB 23-7 to reflect the accurate amount identified for appropriation under BU 3302 by the Secretary of Finance and adjust the amounts accordingly.

Your Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-7 be transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation for proper action. SFL Communication 2023-182 has been attached as part of this committee report.

### C. <u>Legislative History:</u>

House Local Bill 23-7 was introduced by Representative Julie Marie A. Ogo on March 9, 2023 and was subsequently referred to the House Standing Committee on Ways and Means for disposition.

Standing Committee Report No. 23-9 recommended that House Local Bill No. 23-7 be transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation in the form of House Local Bill No. 23-7, Draft 1 for action. However, SCR No. 23-9 was recommitted back to the Committee for further review on the 1st Day, Special Session on Friday, April 14, 2023 in the House Chamber.

## **III. CONCLUSION:**

The Committee is content and confident with the Fund Status Report – BU 3302 provided by the Acting Secretary of Finance with respect to House Local Bill No. 23-7 and therefore recommends that it be transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation for proper action.

| Respectfully submitted,                |  |
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Attachment: Fund Status Report – BU 3302; SFL 2023-182 dated March 28, 2023

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March 28, 2023

SFL 2023-182

The Honorable Donald M. Manglona
Vice President
The Senate
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
P.O. Box 500586
Saipan, MP 96950

RE: Fund Status Report - BU 3302

Dear Vice President Manglona,

This letter is in response to your email dated March 08, 2023, requesting a fund status for BU 3302. The Poker Machine Fees collected for BU 3302 "Other Appropriations (current)" for Rota respectively per 10 CMC § 1901. The beginning balance from September 30, 2022, was carried forward in the amount of \$17,500.00.

As of March 28, 2023, for BU 3302, the account has a fund balance of <u>\$52,500.00</u>. Please see attached the latest funds certification of fees collected for BU 3302.

Should you have any questions or require additional information regarding these accounts, please feel free to contact me via phone at 664-1100 or via email at <a href="mailto:t.norita@dof.gov.mp">t.norita@dof.gov.mp</a>

Sincerely,

Tracy B. Norita

Acting Secretary of Finance

**ATTACHMENT** 

#### FY 2023 Local Poker Machine Fees Collections (BU 3302)

#### AS OF 03/17/23

Prepared Date: 3/28/2023

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|--------------|--|------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
|              |  |                  | TOTAL                                 | BU 3302   |
|              | Balance as of 9/30/22                          | Machines Renewed | 49,999.74                             | 17,500.00 |
|              | Unaccounted Revenue                            |                  |                                       |           |
|              | Revenue Collections as of 10/31/22             | 0                |                                       |           |
|              | Revenue Collections as of 11/30/22             | 2                | 10,000.00                             | 5,000.00  |
|              | Revenue Collections as of 12/31/22             | 6                | 30,000.00                             | 15,000.00 |
|              | Revenue Collections as of 01/31/23             | 1                | 5,000.00                              | 2,500.00  |
| REVENUE      | Revenue Collections as of 2/28/23              | 0                |                                       |           |
| <b>E</b>     | Revenue Collections as of 3/31/23              | 5                | 25,000.00                             | 12,500.00 |
| <b>a</b>     | Revenue Collections as of 4/30/23              | <b>O</b>         |                                       |           |
| Œ            | Revenue Collections as of 5/31/23              | 0                |                                       |           |
|              | Revenue Collections as of 6/30/23              | 0                |                                       |           |
|              | Revenue Collections as of 7/31/23              | 0                |                                       |           |
|              | Revenue Collections as of 8/31/23              | 0                |                                       |           |
|              | Revenue Collections as of 9/30/23              | 0                | -                                     | •         |
|              | Total Revenues                                 |                  | 119,999.74                            | 52,500.00 |
|              | Less Appropriations                            |                  |                                       |           |
|              | FUND BALANCE                                   |                  | 119,999.74                            | 52,500.00 |
| Other Approp | rietions (Current) (BU 3302) per 10 CMC § 1901 |                  |                                       |           |
|              | Starting Balance                               |                  | 17,500.00                             |           |
|              | <b>Current Year collections</b>                |                  | 35,000.00                             |           |
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Prepared by:

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FINANCIAL ANALYST

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Eleuterio G. Palacios Jr. SENIOR FINANCIAL ANALYST

Approved by:

Tracy B. Norita

**ACTING SECRETARY OF FINANCE** 

# TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 9, 2023

1st Rex.

SESSION, 2023

H. L. B. 23-7

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

To appropriate \$65,000 of the Rota Poker License Fees Account (specifically under BU 3302) and for other purposes.

# 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.

- 2 The Rota Legislative Delegation (Delegation)learned from the Mayor of
- 3 Rota that 25 employees were not paid for two pay periods in December 2022
- 4 amounting to \$29,340.00 of unpaid wages. The employees are no longer with the
- 5 Office of the Mayor, but the Rota Mayor sought the assistance of the Delegation to
- 6 fund at least one pay period in the amount of \$17,270.
- 7 The Delegation finds it necessary to appropriate the Rota Poker License
- 8 Fees to support the Rota Office of the Mayor fund the cost of the one pay period
- 9 obligation to the former employees and also provide for the Rota Medical
- 10 Subsistence Allowance.
- Therefore, the purpose of this Act is appropriate \$65,000 under Business

| 1  | Unit 3302 and for other purposes.   |
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| 2  | SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.   |
| 3  | Notwithstanding 10 CMC §1901, \$65,000 of the Rota Poker Licensing Fee                |
| 4  | Account, Bussiness Unit 3302, is appropriated as follows:                             |
| 5  | (a) \$17,270 to pay for December 1 to 17, 2022, pay period 26, for 25                 |
| 6  | employees of the Rots Office of the Mayor. The expenditure of the funds               |
| 7  | under this subsection is the Secretary of Department of Finance.                      |
| 8  | (b) \$47,730 for the Rota Medical Subsistence Allowance. The expenditure              |
| 9  | authority of the funds under this subsection is the Secretary of the                  |
| 10 | Department of Finance.  |
| 11 | SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.  |
| 12 | If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any          |
| 13 | person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction,   |
| 14 | the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or          |
| 15 | circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected      |
| 16 | thereby.  |
| 17 | SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.  |
| 18 | This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as                  |
| 19 | affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes       |
| 20 | repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers |
| 21 | contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to |

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- 1 prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in
- 2 any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in
- 3 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.
- 4 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.
- 5 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming
- 6 law without such approval.

Prefiled: 3/9/2023

Date:

Introduced by:

Rep. Julie M. A. Ogo

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

Legal Counsel

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