

TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SESSION, 2019

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21-34

A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT

To amend 10 CMC § 12114 to reduce the Rota Casino Gaming Commission members' compensation from \$60,000 to \$30,000; 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 Delegation finds that each year, the municipality spends three hundred
3 thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) for the compensation of the casino commission
4 members when there are no active casinos on island. This has become a huge
5 financial burden to the municipality's obligations due to the absence of an active
6 casino. To reduce the municipality's obligations, the Delegation proposes to amend
7 the commission's compensation because there are no active casino operations in
8 the First Senatorial District.

9 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.**

1 Title 10, Division 1, Chapter 12, Article 2, § 12114 of the Commonwealth
2 Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **“ § 12114. Commission Member Compensation.**

4 Members of the Commission shall each be compensated at the rate of
5 ~~\$60,000 per year~~ \$30,000 per year with an active casino license but absent an active
6 casino operation or to \$60,000 with an active casino license and an active casino
7 operation, or which amount may be readjusted by an approved regulation only with
8 the concurrence of the Rota Municipal Council and shall be reimbursed for their
9 actual, necessary, and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their
10 duties.”

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20 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.
21 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or

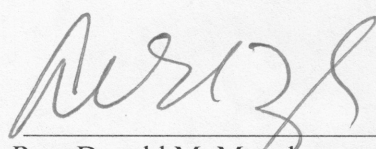
1 pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of
2 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall
3 already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

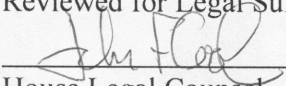
4 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Prefiled: 10/18/19

Date: 10/17/19

Introduced by: 
Rep. Donald M. Mangiona

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

House Legal Counsel