

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H.L.B. 24- 24

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

To establish the Rota Department of Public Works equipment rental fee, 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 Legislature finds that the Rota Department of Public Works (Rota
3 DPW) plays a vital role in maintaining the island's infrastructure, including roads,
4 public facilities, and other essential community services. In the course of its
5 operations, the Department owns and maintains various types of heavy equipment
6 and machinery to support both public and private projects.

7 The Legislature further finds that maintenance, fueling, and operational
8 costs of this equipment are significant, and current funding is limited. Allowing the
9 Department to charge reasonable fees for the use of its equipment will not only help
10 offset operational costs but also ensure that such equipment remains available and
11 in good working condition for the benefit of the Rota community.

12 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the collection of equipment-use fees,

1 create a dedicated revolving account for such revenues, and provide clear
2 guidelines for the management and expenditure of these funds to ensure
3 transparency, accountability, and sustainability of the Department's operations.

4 **Section 2. Enactment.** Subject to the codification by the Law Revision
5 Commission, the following is enacted to read:

6 "Section 101. Short Title. This Act shall be cited as the "Rota DPW
7 Equipment Rental Act of 2025."

8 Section 102. Establishment of Equipment Use Fees.

9 (a) The Rota Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to charge
10 and collect reasonable fees for the use of its equipment.

11 (b) The Mayor of Rota, in consultation with the Rota DPW Resident
12 Director, shall establish a fee schedule based on equipment type, hours of use, and
13 other operational considerations.

14 (c) The fee schedule shall be published and made available to the public.

15 Section 103. Rota DPW Revolving Account.

16 (a) There is hereby established a special account to be known as the Rota
17 DPW Revolving Account.

18 (b) All revenues collected from equipment-use fees under this Act shall be
19 deposited into the Rota DPW Revolving Account.

20 (c) The funds in the account shall not lapse at the end of a fiscal year and
21 shall remain available until expended.

1 Section 104. Authorized Use of Funds.

2 The funds deposited in the Rota DPW Revolving Account shall be
3 expended exclusively for:

4 (a) Fuel and lubricants;

5 (b) Parts, tires, and maintenance supplies;

6 (c) Repairs, servicing, and operational expenses necessary to keep
7 equipment in safe and working condition;

8 (d) Other operational needs directly related to the Department's
9 equipment.

10 Section 105. Expenditure Authority.

11 The expenditure authority for the *Rota DPW Revolving Account* shall rest
12 with the Mayor of Rota, in consultation with the Rota DPW Resident Director.

13 Section 106. Rules and Regulations.

14 The Mayor of Rota, in consultation with the Rota DPW Resident Director,
15 may adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.”

16 **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

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

1 **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

8 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

9 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming
10 law without such approval.

Prefiled: 8/29/2025

Date: _____

Introduced by: _____


Rep. Julie Marie A. Ogo

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Reviewed for ~~legal sufficiency~~ by:

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