

**TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**

**LEGISLATURE**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

To re-appropriate Sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 24-07 and Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 24-08 collected from poker fees in the First Senatorial District to respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku; 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. PURPOSE.**

2           The purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate Sixty thousand dollars  
3 (\$60,000.00) allotted under Section 2 (a) of Rota Local Law 24-07 and Twenty  
4 thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 24-08 collected from  
5 poker fees in the First Senatorial District to respond to critical emergency situations  
6 and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku.

1 **SECTION 2. RE-APPROPRIATION.**

2 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the  
3 contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the First Senatorial District from poker  
4 fees, the Rota Legislative Delegation hereby re-appropriates Sixty thousand dollars  
5 (\$60,000.00) allotted under Section 2 (a) of Rota Local Law 24-07 and Twenty  
6 thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 24-08 as follows:

7 (A) \$80,000.00 shall be allocated to the Office of the Mayor of Rota. Funds  
8 will be allocated for operations, personnel, and public programs to respond to  
9 critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of  
10 Super Typhoon Sinlaku.

11 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

12 The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2 (A) shall be the Mayor  
13 of Rota.

14 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING AND NO FISCAL LIMITATION.**

15 Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other  
16 purpose and notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under this  
17 Act shall be without fiscal year limitation(s).

18 **SECTION 5. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

19 The Secretary of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the  
20 sum of Eighty Thousand dollars (\$80,000.00), or so much thereof as may be  
21 necessary, to the Rota Municipal Treasurer for the local public purposes specified

1 in this Act. This transfer shall not be construed to limit, diminish, or otherwise  
2 impair the constitutional or statutory authority of the Secretary of Finance to  
3 control, regulate, supervise, audit, and account for the expenditure of public funds.  
4 All funds transferred shall remain subject to Commonwealth accounting and audit  
5 requirements. The Rota Municipal Treasurer shall submit monthly expenditure  
6 reports, with supporting documentation, to the Secretary of Finance in a form  
7 prescribed by the Department of Finance.

8 **SECTION 6. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

9 The recipient of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be  
10 responsible to report all expenses responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary  
11 of the Department of Finance by the end of the 2026 calendar year. Provided further  
12 that failure to provide all expenses, entities that were afforded funds under this Act  
13 shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated by the Tinian & Aguiguan  
14 Legislative Delegation.

15 **SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.**

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

21 **SECTION 8. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

8 **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rep. Julie Marie A. Ogo



Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

  
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