

**TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**

**LEGISLATURE**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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SESSION, 2025

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

To amend Rota Local Law 23-15, to appropriate One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$155,000.00) for the continued operation of the Rota Casino Gaming Commission; 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. AMENDMENT.** Section 1 of Rota Local Law 23-15 is amended to  
2 read:

3 “Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this bill is to ~~appropriate~~ amend Rota  
4 Local Law 23-15 local funds in the amount of, which appropriated One Hundred  
5 Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$155,000.00) for the continued operation of the Rota  
6 Casino Gaming Commission. These funds were received by the Municipality of  
7 Rota pursuant to 10 CMC § 12141. This local appropriation is made in accordance  
8 with NMI CONST. art. VI § 8, cl. 2; 1 CMC §§ 1402–03, and 1408; and 10 CMC §  
9 12103. This appropriation is based on the budget request adopted and approved by

1 the 19th Rota Municipal Council during its 13th Regular Session, held on August  
2 5, 2024.

3 The Rota Legislative Delegation finds it necessary to provide funds for the  
4 RCGC.”

5 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Rota Local Law 23-15, sections 2, 3, 4, and 5, are  
6 amended to read:

7 “Section 2. APPROPRIATION.

8 Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws or regulations to the  
9 contrary, the Rota Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates, from the funds  
10 received by the Municipality of Rota pursuant to 10 CMC § 12141, One Hundred  
11 Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$155,000.00) is appropriated as follows:

- 12 (a) \$105,000 for personnel salaries including fringe benefits;  
13 (b) \$15,000 for RCGC operations, equipment, and supplies;  
14 (c) \$15,000 for training expenses;  
15 (d) \$10,000 for legal counsel; and  
16 (e) \$10,000 initial deposit in a special account for payments owed,  
17 including fringe benefits, to current and past RGCC members. The  
18 Rota Municipal Treasurer or Mayor’s designee shall establish a special  
19 account, the RCGC Members Payment Special Account. The special  
20 account shall remain open for future appropriations until the past-due  
21 payments are paid in full. Provided however the funds in the special

1 account shall not be spent unless the RCGC Chairperson ~~and the Rota~~  
2 ~~Department of Finance Resident Director~~ certify in writing the  
3 following:

- 4 (1) Name of the RCGC Member;
- 5 (2) Specify the time served by the Commission Member;
- 6 (3) Any payments already made to the Commission Member;
- 7 (4) Balance owed to the Commission Member.

8 Provided further that the required written certification shall be  
9 provided to the Mayor of Rota, the Rota Municipal Council Chairperson,  
10 and the Rota Legislative Delegation Chairperson.

11 SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.

12 ~~(a)~~ The expenditure authority for the funds under ~~Section 2~~ of this Act shall  
13 be the RCGC Chairperson.

14 ~~(b) The custodial of the funds appropriated under this Act shall be the~~  
15 ~~Municipal Treasurer or Mayor's designee.~~

16 SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.

17 Notwithstanding any laws, provisions, or regulations to the contrary, funds  
18 appropriated under this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose ~~unless~~  
19 ~~a written justification is submitted to the RLD Chairperson for approval. The~~  
20 ~~approval shall be signed by at least 3 RLD members.~~

21 SECTION 5. REPORTING.

1           The expenditure authority shall submit detailed quarterly reports showing  
2   the expenditure of funds appropriated under this Act. These reports shall be  
3   furnished to the Chairpersons of the Rota Municipal Council and the First  
4   Senatorial Delegation until all appropriated funds have been fully expended. ~~If the~~  
5   ~~expenditure authority fails to meet this reporting requirement, no further~~  
6   ~~expenditures shall be authorized under this Act until the required reports are~~  
7   ~~submitted.”~~

8   **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

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

14   **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**


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

1    **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

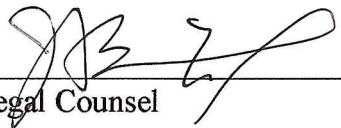
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Introduced by: 

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Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

  
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