



Arnold I. Palacios
Governor

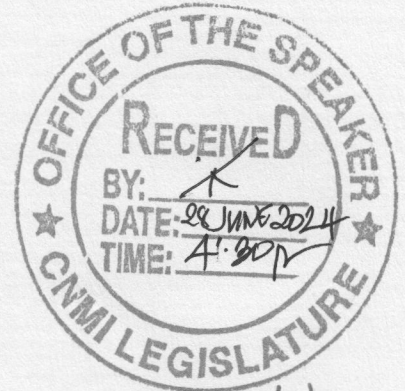
David M. Apatang
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950



The Honorable Edith E. Deleon Guerrero
President
The Senate
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

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Dear Mr. Chairman and Madame President:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **Senate Local Bill No. 23-04**, entitled "To authorize the issuance of the Rota Identification Card to Rota residents without regard to immigration status." which was passed by the Rota Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

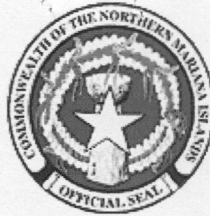
This Bill becomes **Rota Local Law 23-11**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Governor

cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision Commission;
Special Assistant for Administration; Public Auditor; Secretary of Finance;
Mayor of Rota; Programs and Legislative Review Office

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**ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2024**

SENATE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-04

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

To authorize the issuance of the Rota Identification Card to Rota residents without regard to immigration status.

OFFERED BY

Senator Donald M. Manglona

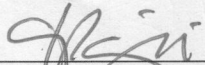
Prefiled on January 26, 2024 and Introduced on February 9, 2024

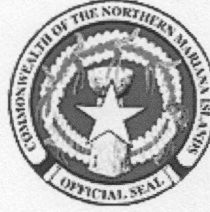
SENATE ACTION

Transmitted to Rota Legislative Delegation for action on
February 26, 2024

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	2/26/24: Mayor of Rota [Del. Matters 23-41] & 19 th Rota Municipal Council [Del. Matters 23-42]
Comments Received:	6/4/24: Public Comments (Honorable Mayor Aubry M. Hocog)
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed Final Reading:	June 4, 2024


Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



**ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2023

S. L. B. NO. 23-04

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

To authorize the issuance of the Rota Identification Card to Rota residents without regard to immigration status.

**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.** The Rota Legislative Delegation (Delegation) finds
2 that 10 CMC § 14103 requires proof of lawful resident status to obtain a Rota Resident
3 Identification Card. The Delegation however finds that certain residents are without identification
4 cards for specific reasons, including lack of proof of lawful status. The Delegation further finds
5 that it is important for a Rota resident to have at least one identification card.

6 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to amend 10 CMC § 14103 to authorize the issuance
7 of the Rota Resident Identification Card to Rota residents who are without status.

8 **Section 2. Amendment.** Title 10, Section 14103, of the Commonwealth Code, is amended
9 to read:

10 “§ 14103. Rota Resident Identification Card.

1 Upon submission of the application and the payment of the fee ~~and determination by the~~
2 ~~Office of the Mayor of lawful resident status~~, the Office of the Mayor shall issue to a person a
3 resident identification card. The application shall be accompanied by either a copy of the
4 applicant's birth certificate or certificate of baptismal record, a passport, U.S. Social Security
5 number or card, or any other document determined to be ~~necessary~~ sufficient by the Office of the
6 Mayor to process the identification card.

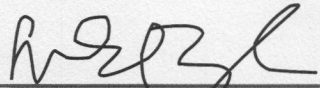
7 At a minimum, the card shall have on it a distinguishable number assigned to the card, the
8 full name, sex, date of birth, address, a picture, and either a facsimile signature of the cardholder
9 or a space upon which the cardholder shall write his usual signature in ink immediately upon
10 receipt of the identification card. No identification card shall be valid unless it has been signed by
11 the cardholder and the presiding Mayor, or his/her designee."

12 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
13 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
14 jurisdiction, 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 thereby.

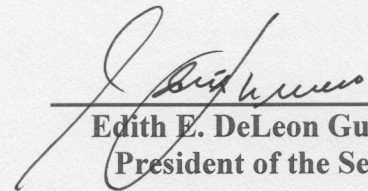
16 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
17 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
18 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in
19 this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment
20 of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or
21 criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

1 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or
2 it becoming law without such approval

CERTIFIED BY:

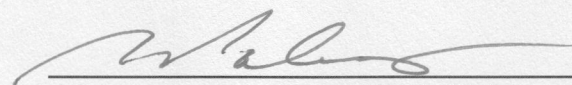


Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota Legislative Delegation



Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero
President of the Senate

Approved this 28th day of June, 2024.



Arnold I. Palacios
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands