



GOV. COMM: 23-122
(HOUSE)

Arnold I. Palacios
Governor

David M. Apatang
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

30 AUG 2024

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

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
House of Representatives
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
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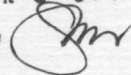
Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 23-58, S1**, entitled "To appropriate the \$72,200 of the Rota Poker License Fees account (specifically under BU 3302).", which was passed by the Rota Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

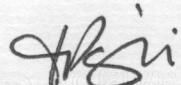
This Bill becomes **Rota Local Law 23-14**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

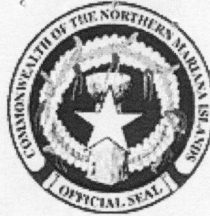
Sincerely,


ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Governor

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DATE 9/3/2024 TIME 10:00a

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


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

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-58, S1

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

To appropriate the \$72,200 of the Rota Poker License Fees account (specifically under BU 3302).

OFFERED BY

Representative Julie Marie A. Ogo

Prefiled on June 13, 2024 and Introduced on June 25, 2024

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Rota Legislative Delegation for action on

August 9, 2024

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	8/9/24: Mayor of Rota [Del. Matters 23-53] & 19 th Rota Municipal Council [Del. Matters 23-54]
Comments Received:	8/13/24: Public Comments (Honorable Mayor Aubry M. Hocog)
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed Final Reading:	August 13, 2024, w/Substitute 1

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frances Joan P. Kaipat".

**Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk**



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**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 Rota Legislative Delegation (Delegation) acknowledges the various needs the Rota
3 community has, of which services are provided to by different entities, bodies, and benefits such
4 as the Delegation, the 19th Rota Municipal Council, the Rota Municipal Scholarship, and the Rota
5 Medical Subsistence Allowance. The Delegation finds that providing the aforementioned entities
6 with adequate funding from the Rota Poker License Fees to aid in operations is necessary and in
7 the best interest of the Rota Community.

8 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate the \$72,200 under Business Unit 3302.

9 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

10 Notwithstanding 10 CMC § 1901, \$72,200 of the Rota Poker Licensing Fee Account,

1 Business Unit 3302, is appropriated as follows:

2 (a) \$21,000 for the Office of the Mayor of Rota. The expenditure authority of the funds under this
3 subsection is the Mayor of the Rota.

4 (b) \$20,900 for the Rota Medical Subsistence Allowance. The expenditure authority of the funds
5 under this subsection is the Secretary of the Department of Finance.

6 (c) \$29,000 for the Rota Legislative Delegation. The expenditure authority of the funds under this
7 subsection is the Chairman of the Rota Legislative Delegation.

8 (d) \$1,300 for the 19th Rota Municipal Council for fuel and lubricants. The expenditure authority
9 of the funds under this subsection is the Chairman of the Rota Municipal Council.

10 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

11 The funds under this Act shall not be reprogrammed for other purposes and the funds shall
12 not be subject to fiscal year limitation.

13 **SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.**

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

18 **SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

19 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing
20 right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or
21 order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
22 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of

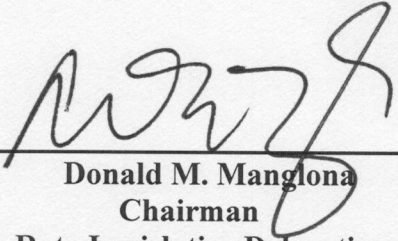
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1 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in
2 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

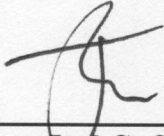
3 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:

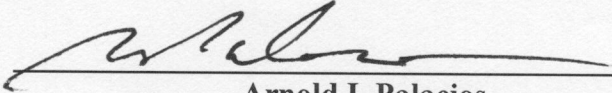


Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota Legislative Delegation



Joel C. Camacho
Acting Speaker
23rd House of Representatives

Approved this 30th day of August, 2024.



Arnold I. Palacios
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



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Project Name: **LOCAL REVENUE-ROTA POKER**
 JDE Business Unit: **3302**
 Project Ledger Project Number: **RL17010017**
 General Ledger Project Number: **3302**
 Requestor: **Rep. Julie Ogo**
 Requesting Agency: **Legislature**
 Prepared on: **4/12/2024**

JDE Ending Actual Balance as of 9/30/2021 (Inception)
 FY21 Encumbrances in JDE
 Beginning Balance in FY2022 (10/01/2021)

SOF	Financial Services	Total
60,000.00	-	60,000.00
	-	-
\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00

Gaming Revenues

JDE
 Project Ledger
 General Ledger

Expenses

RLL 22-08
 RLL 22-12

FY2022

-		-
65,000.00		65,000.00
-		-
100,000.00		(100,000.00)
-		-
-		-
		\$ 25,000.00

Ending Balance FY2022

Gaming Revenues

General Ledger

Expenses

RLL 22-12
 RLL 23-05

FY2023

65,000.00		65,000.00
10,000.00		(10,000.00)
52,500.00		(52,500.00)
		\$ 27,500.00

Ending Balance FY2023

Gaming Revenues

General Ledger
 Project Ledger

Expenses

General Ledger
 Local Law
 Local Law

FY2024

45,000.00		45,000.00
-		-
-		-
-		-

Certified Balance as of 4/12/2024 \$ 72,500.00

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YTD Budget Report		\$ 202,572.50
JDE De-Obligation of Encumbrances	Debit	Credit
General Journal	Debit	Credit
Budget Transfers and Amendments	Increase	Decrease
51170100-69000-3302 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT		\$ (130,072.50)

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 Bernadita C. Palacios, Director of Financial Services

Certified By: *Tracy B. Norita* 5/14/24
 Tracy B. Norita, Secretary of Finance