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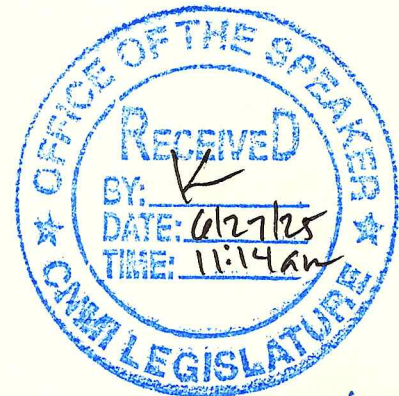
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

June 25, 2025

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

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950



6/27/25

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 24-9, D2**, entitled "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," which was passed by the Rota Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This Bill becomes **Rota Local Law 24-02**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

DAVID M. APATANG
Acting Governor

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DATE 7/1/2025 TIME 8:55AM

cc: Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision Commission;
Acting Special Assistant for Administration; Public Auditor; Secretary of Finance;
Mayor of Rota; Rota Casino Gaming Control Commission; Rota Municipal Treasurer;
Programs and Legislative Review Office



ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THIRD SPECIAL SESSION, 2025

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-9, D2

**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.

OFFERED BY

Representative Julie Marie A. Ogo

Prefiled on April 30, 2025 and Introduced on May 15, 2025


HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Rota Legislative Delegation for action on

May 19, 2025

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	5/19/25: Mayor of Rota [Del. Matters 24-22] & 20 th Rota Municipal Council [Del. Matters 24-23]
Comments Received:	5/27/25: Mayor of Rota [Mayors Comm. 24-02] RCGC [Misc. Comm. 24-07]
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed Final Reading:	June 10, 2025, with Draft 2



Bayble Sn. Hocog
Acting 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:**

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 1 of Rota Local Law 23-15 is amended to read:

“SECTION 1. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this bill is to ~~appropriate~~ amend Rota Local Law 23-15 ~~local funds in the~~
~~amount of, which appropriated~~ One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$155,000.00) for the
continued operation of the Rota Casino Gaming Commission. These funds were received by the
Municipality of Rota pursuant to 10 CMC § 12141. This local appropriation is made in accordance
with NMI CONST. art. VI § 8, cl. 2; 1 CMC §§ 1402–03, and 1408; and 10 CMC § 12103. This
appropriation is based on the budget request adopted and approved by the 19th Rota Municipal
Council during its 13th Regular Session, held on August 5, 2024.

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

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

3 “SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.

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

8 (a) \$105,000 for personnel salaries, including fringe benefits;

9 (b) \$15,000 for RCGC operations, equipment, and supplies;

10 (c) \$15,000 for training expenses;

11 (d) \$10,000 for legal counsel; and

12 (e) \$10,000 initial deposit in a special account for payments owed, including fringe
13 benefits, to current and past RGCC members. The Rota Municipal Treasurer or
14 Mayor’s designee shall establish a special account, the RCGC Members Payment
15 Special Account. The special account shall remain open for future appropriations until
16 the past-due payments are paid in full. Provided, however, the funds in the special
17 account shall not be spent unless the RCGC Chairperson and the Rota Department of
18 Finance Resident Director certify in writing the following:

19 (1) Name of the RCGC Member;

20 (2) Specify the time served by the Commission Member;

21 (3) Any payments already made to the Commission Member; and

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1 (4) Balance owed to the Commission Member.

2 Provided further that the required written certification shall be provided to the
3 Mayor of Rota, the Rota Municipal Council Chairperson, and the Rota Legislative
4 Delegation Chairperson. Any compensation owed to a deceased Commission Member
5 shall be paid in accordance with 4 CMC § 9711.

6 SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.

7 (a) The expenditure authority for the funds under ~~Section 2~~ of this Act shall be the RCGC
8 Chairperson. Provided that a separate account shall be established to deposit and account for the
9 funds provided under Section 2(a), (b), (c), and (d).

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

12 SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.

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

17 SECTION 5. REPORTING.

18 The expenditure authority shall submit detailed quarterly reports showing the expenditure
19 of funds appropriated under this Act. These reports shall be furnished to the Chairpersons of the
20 Rota Municipal Council and the First Senatorial Delegation until all appropriated funds have been

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1 fully expended. If the expenditure authority fails to meet this reporting requirement, no further
2 expenditures shall be authorized under this Act until the required reports are submitted.”

3 **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

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

8 **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

15 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

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CERTIFIED BY:

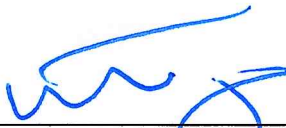


Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
24th House of Representatives

Approved this 25th day of June, 2025.



DAVID M. APATANG
ACTING GOVERNOR

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands