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

To establish the Medical Subsistence Allowance Program for the First Senatorial District; 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. Findings and Purpose.**

2 The First Senatorial District Delegation finds that House Local Bill 17-77, entitled "To
3 appropriate \$30,000 from local license fees collected for poker and pachinko slot machines in the
4 First Senatorial District; and for other Purposes," was an appropriation bill passed by the Rota
5 Legislative Delegation as House Local Bill 17-77, S1. The substitute bill under Section 5
6 provided for the Verification of Medical Status and Section 6 provided for the Establishment of
7 Medical Assistance Board. The bill in the form of a substitute was signed into law as Rota Local
8 Law 17-19. The provisions provided under Sections 5 and 6 were not codified under Title 10,
9 Division 1, local laws for the First Senatorial District. The Law Revision Commission does not
10 codify provisions of an appropriation Act because appropriations are temporary.

11 In the Eighteenth Legislature, the Senate Local Bill 18-01, entitled to "REPEAL
12 SECTIONS 5 AND 6 OF ROTA LOCAL LAW NO. 17-19; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
13 was signed into law and became Rota Local Law 18-03. This repealer however does not appear
14 in the Commonwealth Code because, as noted above, Sections 5 and 6 of Rota Local Law 17-19,
15 were not codified. The Rota Legislative Delegation finds it is necessary to establish the medical
16 allowance assistance program by legislation.

1 The purpose of this bill is to establish a medical assistance allowance program and a
2 board that will establish the medical subsistence allowance eligibility policy.

3 **Section 2. Enactment.** Subject to the codification by the Law Revision Commission,
4 the following is hereby enacted:

5 “Section 101. Rota Medical Assistance Allowance Program Established.

6 The Rota Medical Assistance Allowance Program is hereby established.

7 Section 102. Medical Assistance Allowance Review Board.

8 a. The Rota Medical Assistance Allowance Review Board (Board) shall consist of 7
9 members, provided that one member shall be a physician and two members shall be in the
10 nursing field, and appointed as follows:

- 11 1. Three members shall be appointed by Mayor of Rota;
- 12 2. Two members shall be appointed by Rota Legislative Delegation;
- 13 3. One member shall be appointed by the Rota Municipal Council; and
- 14 4. One member shall be appointed by the Resident Director of the Rota Health
15 Clinic.

16 b. The Board shall select a chairperson in its first meeting. The Board members shall
17 serve a term of 4 years and may be reappointed in accordance with subsection (a) of this section
18 to serve subsequent terms.

19 c. The Board shall meet from time to time as needed to establish the Medical Assistance
20 Allowance Policy (Policy) in accordance with Section 103 and review the patients’ eligibility as
21 provided in the Policy.

22 Section 103. Medical Assistance Allowance Policy.

23 a. The Board, after the appointments of all the 7 members, shall meet and establish the
24 Policy on the medical assistance eligibility, including but limited to the application process,
25 physician certification, voter registration or residency requirement, patient stipend, and the
26 amount for each eligible applicant.

27 b. The Policy shall include eligibility of the hemodialysis patients who are being treated
28 at hemodialysis clinics outside of Rota.

1 c. The Policy shall also include \$20.00 daily stipend for the Rota patients who are on
2 inter-island medical referral patients from Rota to Saipan who are not eligible for the stipend
3 provided by the CNMI Medical Referral Program or not eligible for the medical assistance
4 allowance in accordance with this Act.

5 d. The Board shall establish the Medical Assistance Allowance Policy on or before
6 January 1, 2021.

7 **Section 104. Eligibility List.**

8 Based on the eligibility policy in accordance with Section 103 of this Act, the Board shall
9 provide a list of the eligible patients who meet all the application requirements and approved by
10 the Board to the chairperson of the Rota Legislative Delegation to be used in preparing and
11 introducing an appropriation to fund the allowance.”

12 **Section 3. Severability.**

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

17 **Section 4. Savings Clause.**

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

24 **Section 5. Effective Date.**

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


Prefiled:

Date: 03/26/2019

Introduced By: 

Senator Teresita Santos

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:



Senate Legal Counsel