

Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature  
Senate

First Special

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S.L. B. 22-04

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A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT  
FOR THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT

To deposit the \$400,000.00 repayment by Luta Mermaid LLC in special account for appropriation by the Rota Legislative Delegation to provide funds for the Rota Interisland Medical Referral patients and medical subsistence program.

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 finds that Rota Legislative Delegation  
3 Resolution 19-3 (Resolution) authorized the Secretary of Finance to make an  
4 advance payment of not more than \$400,000.00 to Luta Mermaid LLC to finance  
5 fuel, lubrication, and the maiden voyage costs from Louisiana to Rota. The  
6 Resolution also provides that Luta Mermaid, LLC agrees to a repayment plan of  
7 the \$400,000.00 within one year. Further, in the July 23, 2019 Settlement  
8 Agreement between the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Luta  
9 Mermaid, LLC, a repayment plan for the \$400,000 was agreed upon by all parties.

10           The purpose of this Act is to reserve the \$400,000.00 payment by Luta  
11 Mermaid LLC in a special account for the Rota Legislative Delegation to  
12 appropriate to provide funding for the Rota Interisland Medical Referral and Rota  
13 Medical Subsistence program.

14           **Section 2. Special Account.**

15           (a) The Secretary of Finance shall deposit in a special account all the  
16 payments made by Luta Mermaid LLC pursuant to the July 23, 2019 settlement

1 agreement.

2 (b) The deposits in the special account of the payments from Luta  
3 Mermaid LLC shall remain in the special account for appropriation by the Rota  
4 Legislative Delegation

5 **Section 3. Severability.**

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

11 **Section 4. Savings Clause.**

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14 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.  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


19 **Section 5. Effective Date.**

20 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its  
21 becoming law without such approval.

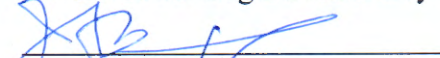
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Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

  
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