TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SESSION, 2021

S. L. B. 22-06

A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT FOR THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT

To amend 10 CMC § 12114 to provide for the Rota Casino Gaming Commission members' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT TO

CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:

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SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

The Delegation finds that each year, the municipality spends \$300,000.00 for the compensation of the casino commission members even when there are no active casinos on Rota. The commission members' compensation is a huge financial burden to the municipality's obligations. To reduce the municipality's obligations and to address community concerns raised at the Town Hall meeting held at the Rota Mayor's Office last May 06, 2021, the Delegation proposes to amend the commission's compensation until the casino licensee is actually operating a casino in the First Senatorial District.

9 SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Title 10, Division 1, Chapter 12, Article 2, § 12114 of
 10 the Commonwealth Code is repealed and reenacted to read:

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" § 12114. Commission Member Compensation.

(a) When there is an "active casino" in operation, the members of the Commission shall
each be compensated at the rate of \$60,000 per year.

(b) When there is no "active casino" in operation, the members of the Commission shall
each be compensated in accordance with 1 CMC § 8247.

16 (c) For purposes of subsections (a) and (b), the term "active casino" shall mean "casino 17 activities in which casino customers at the casino facility are physically placing bets (e.g., cash, 18 tokens, chips) on casino tables, casino machines, or any other casino betting apparatus pursuant 19 to Rota Casino Act of 2007.

(d) Casino Commission members shall be reimbursed for their actual, necessary, and 1 reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties."

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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 or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is 6 7 held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

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SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

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SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Prefiled:

Date: 51121

Introduced by:

Manglona

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

Legal Counsel