

FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION, 1990

**A LOCAL ACT FOR THE
FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT (ROTA)**

To establish a dog control procedure in order to protect the public health and welfare of the general public.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT OF ROTA PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4 OF DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:

1 Section 1. Short Title. This Act may be cited as the
2 **"Rota Dog Control Act".**

3 Section 2. Purpose. The Legislators of the First
4 Senatorial District for the island of Rota find that a
5 serious problem exists on the island of Rota, whereby
6 domesticated and wild dogs are wandering around on public
7 land and private property posing a threat to the health and
8 safety of visitors and residents of Rota and further, said
9 dogs have been killing other domesticated animals and other
10 wildlife on the island of Rota.

11 Section 3. Licensing. All dogs on Rota must be
12 registered and a license issued to the owner upon the
13 payment of a **\$5.00** licensing fee per dog per year.

14 Section 4. Authority of the Department of Natural
15 Resources. Application for registering and licensing of all
16 dogs shall be made with the local office of the Department
17 of Natural Resources. The local office of the Department of
18 Natural Resources shall register all dogs; collect licensing
19 fees; issue dog licenses; and enforce and carry out the
20 intent of this Act.

21 Section 4. Unlicensed Dogs. Any dog found to be
22 without a license shall be caged and if the owner does not
23 claim and license the dog within ten **(10)** days it shall be
24 disposed of as **setforth** herein.

1 Section 5. Disposal of Dogs. Any unlicensed and
2 unclaimed dogs shall be destroyed by the local office of the
3 Department of Natural Resources using the most humane
4 procedure or process.

5 Section 6. Repealer. Any Rota Municipal Ordinance
6 that is inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is
7 hereby repealed.

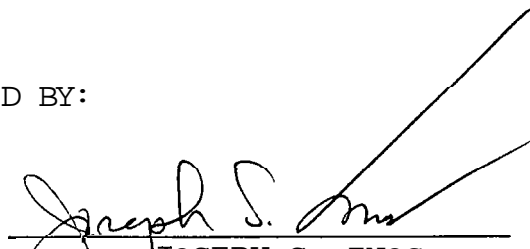
8 Section 7. Severability. If any provision of this Act
9 or any rule, regulation, or order promulgated hereunder, or
10 the application of any such provision, rule, regulation or
11 order to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid,
12 by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this
13 Act or any rules, regulations or order promulgated pursuant
14 thereto or the application of such provisions, regulations,
15 rules or orders to persons or circumstances other than those
16 to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

17 Section 8. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect
18 upon its approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law
19 without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

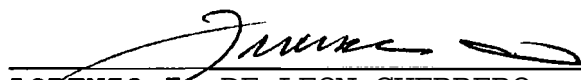


PAUL A. MANGLONA
Chairman
Rota Legislative Delegation



JOSEPH S. INOS
President of the Senate

Approved this 7th day of _____, 1991.



LORENZO I. DE LEON GUERRERO
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands