



## COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**Ralph DLG. Torres**  
Governor

**Victor B. Hocog**  
Lieutenant Governor

Honorable Glenn L. Maratita  
Chairman, Rota Legislative Delegation  
Nineteenth Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

**24 MAY 2016**

Honorable Rafael S. Demapan  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Nineteenth Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

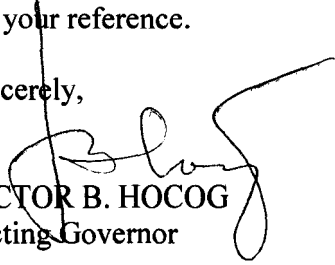
Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have disapproved portions of House Local Bill No. 19-51, D2, which proposes to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 collected from local license fees for poker and pachinko slot machines in the First Senatorial District.

Pursuant to my authority under 1 CMC § 1405(b), I have line-item vetoed the appropriation of \$1,000 each to Dr. James Toskas and Dr. Francois Claassens. It is not clear that the appropriations to these individuals serve a public purpose for which funds may be expended. Benefits that accrue to individuals may serve a public purpose if the "community has an interest in having those individuals benefitted." 1 CMC § 121(e). There is no indication in the proposed bill, however, as to why the appropriations are being made to these individuals, and as such they do not appear to serve a public purpose. May I recommend that in the future, local appropriation legislation be clearly written to indicate the public purpose served by appropriating public funds to individuals in accordance with the Local Law Act of 1983, as amended.

This bill becomes **Rota Local Law No. 19-09**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

  
VICTOR B. HOCO  
Acting Governor

cc: Governor; Press Secretary; Mayor of Rota; Chairman, Rota Municipal Council;  
Commonwealth Law Revision; Secretary of Finance; Special Assistant for  
Administration; Special Assistant for Programs & Legislative Review



**ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION**  
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May 12, 2016

Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern  
Mariana Islands  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Torres:

I am honored to transmit for your action *House Local Bill No. 19-51, D2*, entitled,

***“A Local Appropriation Bill for an Act for the First Senatorial District  
To appropriate \$20,000.00 from local license fees collected for poker  
and pachinko slot machines in the First Senatorial District;  
and for other purposes.”***

The bill was passed unanimously by the Rota Legislative Delegation of the Nineteenth Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature on First and Final Reading, a quorum duly present, during its First Day, First Special Session, 2016 held on May 6, 2016.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alicia DLG. Leon Guerrero".

Alicia DLG. Leon Guerrero  
Delegation Clerk

Enclosures



# **ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION**

**FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
NINETEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2016**

**HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 19-51, D2**

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

To appropriate \$20,000.00 from local license fees collected for poker and pachinko slot machines in the First Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

**Offered by Representative Glenn L. Maratita**

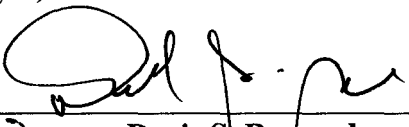
**Introduced on March 17, 2016**

## ***HOUSE ACTION***

**Transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation on April 4, 2016**

## ***DELEGATION ACTION***

<b>Committee Referral</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Standing Committee Report</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Comments Solicited</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>April 4, 2016 [Mayor of Rota &amp; Chairman, Municipal Council]</b>
<b>Comments Received</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>May 6, 2016 [Mayor of Rota – via teleconference]</b>
<b>Passed First &amp; Final Reading:</b>		<b>May 6, 2016</b>

  
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**Doris S. Bermudes**  
**Acting Delegation Clerk**



**ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION**  
**Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature**  
**First Senatorial District**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2016**

**House Local Bill No. 19-51, D2**

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

To appropriate \$20,000.00 from local license fees collected for poker and pachinko slot machines in 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 purpose of this Act is to appropriate the amount of \$20,000.00 from local license  
3 fees for poker and pachinko slot machines collected pursuant to 10 CMC § 1901 to activities  
4 for the First Senatorial District. The Commonwealth Legislature enacts this legislation under  
5 its authority in Article II, sections 1 and 6 of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands.  
6 The First Senatorial District Delegation finds that there is a need to provide a subsistence  
7 allowance for residents of the First Senatorial District who are undergoing dialysis and  
8 treatment for terminal illnesses; the Rota Municipal Scholarship Fund; and other programs.

9           **Section 2. Appropriations.**

10           The amount of \$20,000.00 is appropriated from local license fees for poker and  
11 pachinko slot machines collected pursuant to 10 CMC §1901 for the following purposes:

1 (a) \$14,600.00 to the Department of Finance for the purpose of providing a  
2 monthly subsistence allowance for residents of the First Senatorial District who are  
3 undergoing dialysis treatment and treatment for terminal illnesses. *[See "Attachment*  
4 *A"]* The expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of Finance.

5 (b) \$2,500.00 to the Rota Municipal Scholarship Fund and the expenditure  
6 authority shall be the Chairman of the Rota Municipal Scholarship Foundation Board.

7 (c) \$900.00 to the Rota Guest House in Saipan for fuel and lubrication and the  
8 expenditure authority shall be the Mayor of Rota.

9 ~~(d) \$2,000.00 - \$1,000.00 to Dr. James Tasker and \$1,000.00 to Dr. Francois~~  
10 ~~Chassens and the expenditure authority shall be the Mayor of Rota.~~

11 **Section 3. Reprogramming.** Notwithstanding any laws, provisions or regulations to  
12 the contrary, funds appropriated under this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other  
13 purpose.


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

18 **Section 5. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be  
19 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes  
20 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers  
21 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law.  
22 The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying,

1 any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes  
2 effective.

3 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the  
4 Governor or becoming law without such approval.

**CERTIFIED BY:**

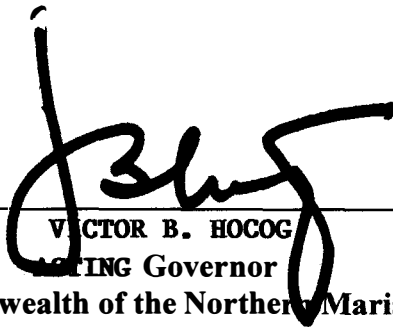
  
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GLENN L. MARATITA

Chairman  
Rota Legislative Delegation

  
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RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN

Speaker  
House of Representatives

**Approved** on this **29<sup>th</sup>** day of **May**, 2016.

  
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VICTOR B. HOCOG  
ACTING Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



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**“ATTACHMENT A”**

Listed below are the names of the medical referral patients from Rota and the amount due to each patient, as subsistence covering the period April 2016 as appropriated under *House Local Bill No. 19-51, D2*.

A. The following patients are entitled to receive \$300.00 each.

<b><u>Name of Patient</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Due</u></b>
Atalig, Andrea T.	Saipan	\$ 300.00
Atalig, Anthony	Rota	300.00
Atalig, Consolacion	Rota	300.00
Atalig, Fermina	Philippines	300.00
Atalig, Jose M.	Rota	300.00
Atalig, Maria S.	Rota	300.00
Ayuyu, Edward M.	Rota	300.00
Ayuyu, Lucia T.	Rota	300.00
Barcinas, Juan (for minor child – Jamil Barcinas)	Guam	300.00
Calvo, Fidelia M.	Salem, OR	300.00
Charfaorus, Jose	Rota	300.00
Cruz, Esperanza	Rota	300.00
Inos, Juan Q.	Saipan	300.00
Inos, Lucinda S.	Rota	300.00
Jacob, Rudolfo	Guam	300.00
Manglona, Tricia H.	Saipan	300.00
Manglona, Manases M.	Rota	300.00
Manglona, Vincent A.	Guam	300.00
Maratita, Edward U.	Saipan	300.00
Maratita, Frederick	Rota	300.00
Maratita, Rosa C.	Guam	300.00
Maratita, Tsai Jorell M.	Rota	300.00
Mendiola, Dennis	Rota	300.00
Mendiola, Fermina S.	Saipan	300.00

**“ATTACHMENT A”**  
**[Ref. House Local Bill No. 19-51, D2]**

**[Item A continued]**

<b><u>Name of Patient</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Due</u></b>
Taisacan, Balbina DLC.	Rota	300.00
Mendiola Ramona (for minor child – Abraham Borja)	Guam	300.00
Quitugua - Sakisat, Nova (for minor child – William Juan Quitugua Sakisat)	Seattle, WA	\$ 300.00
Barcinas, Juan (for minor child – Jamil Barcinas)	Rota	300.00
Spearman, Irene	Rota	300.00
Taimanao, Efrain (Jr.)	Rota	300.00
Ogo, Oscar M.	Rota	300.00
Maratita, Rosa C.	Guam	300.00
Manglona, Tricia H.	Saipan	300.00
Manglona, Manases M.	Rota	300.00
Ayuyu, Edward M.	Rota	300.00
Maratita, Frederick	Rota	300.00
Taga, Andrea	Rota	300.00
Taisacan, Annette	Rota	300.00
Calvo, Fidelia M.	Salem, OR	300.00
Maratita, Tsai Jorell M.	Rota	300.00
Atalig, Jose M.	Rota	300.00
Atalig, Maria S.	Rota	<u>300.00</u>
	<b>Subtotal for A:</b>	<b><u>\$12,600.00</u></b>

**B.** The following patients are entitled to receive \$200.00 each.

<b><u>Name of Patient</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Due</u></b>
Atalig, Thomas T.	Saipan	\$ 200.00
Ayuyu, Andrew	Saipan	200.00
Ayuyu, Mamerto	Saipan	200.00
Manglona, Juan M.	Saipan	200.00
Manglona, Miguel M.	Saipan	200.00
Taimanao, Abraham	Saipan	200.00
Suzuki, Carmen	Saipan	200.00



**“ATTACHMENT A”**  
**[Ref. House Local Bill No. 19-51, D2]**

***[Item B- continued]***

<b><u>Name of Patient</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Due</u></b>
Ogo, Bernice	Guam	\$ 200.00
Suzuki, Carmen	Saipan	200.00
Taimanao, Abraham	Saipan	<u>200.00</u>
	<b>Subtotal for B:</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,000.00</u></b>
	<b>Total A&amp;B:</b>	<b><u>\$14,600.00</u></b>