



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FOURTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2004

PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-4  
H. B. No. 14-140

---

---

AN ACT

To reappropriate fund balances in the cumulative amount of \$67,096.95 from appropriations under PL 13-3; to amend Section 3 of PL 13-3; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FOURTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH  
LEGISLATURE:

**Section 1. Findings.** The Legislature finds that fund balances from appropriations under PL 13-3 are available for reappropriation. The Legislature further finds that the Municipality of Rota graciously hosted the 2003 Asia/Pacific Little League Tournament in which little league teams from the Asia/Pacific region participated. Certain expenses were incurred by the municipality for which no appropriation of funds had been secured beforehand. While the Legislature supports the government's active promotion and funding of worthwhile community events, such as the tournament, budget and appropriation processes must be strictly adhered to, to insure the timely and proper use of public funding.

**Section 2. Reappropriation and Expenditure.** The combined fund balances in the amount of \$33,398.00 from appropriations under subsection 2(c) for Street Naming Sign Project and (d) for Rota Local Product Manufacturing of PL 13-3, and a partial fund balance in the amount of \$33,698.95 from the appropriation under subsection 2(b) for the renovation of four basketball courts of PL 13-3, are hereby reappropriated and authorized to be expended for expenses incurred by the Municipality of Rota for hosting the 2003 Asia/Pacific Little League Tournament, as follows:

- |     |                       |             |
|-----|-----------------------|-------------|
| (1) | To Rota Resort        | \$30,362.80 |
| (2) | To Songao Enterprises | \$ 9,670.00 |

|     |                      |                    |
|-----|----------------------|--------------------|
| (3) | To Rota Hotel        | \$10,882.15        |
| (4) | To Acoustic Café     | \$ 5,724.00        |
| (5) | To Island Cool Sport | <u>\$10,458.00</u> |
|     | Total                | \$67,096.95        |

**Section 3. Expenditure and Reprogramming Authority.** The expenditure authority for funds reappropriated under Section 2 of this Act shall be the Mayor of Rota. All funds shall be expended within 180 days of this Act, and no funds under Section 2 may be reprogrammed for any purpose.

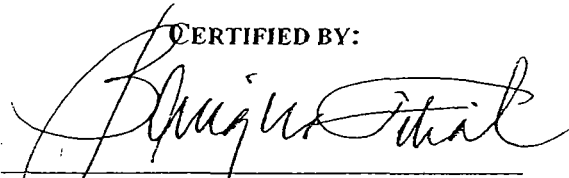
**Section 4. Amendment.** Section 3 of PL 13-3 is hereby amended as follows:

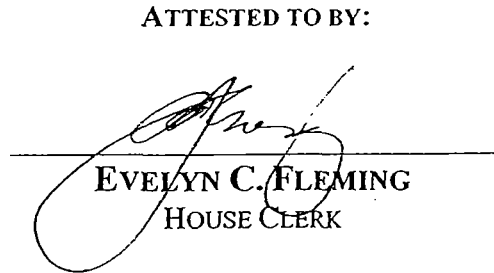
“Section 3. Expenditure and Reprogramming Authority. The expenditure authority for funds reappropriated under section 2 of this Act shall be the Mayor of Rota; provided that the expenditure authority of funds reappropriated under Section 2(a)(3) of this Act shall be the Rota Resident Director for Public Health, and for the funds under Section 2(b) the expenditure authority shall be the Rota Resident Director for Community and Cultural Affairs. The Mayor may reprogram funds within the projects or programs subject to the approval of the Rota Legislative Delegation; except as may be provided otherwise by law.”

**Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or 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 held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

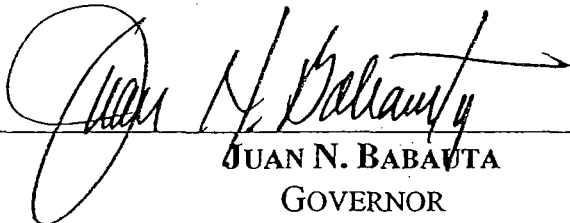
**Section 6. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect 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 shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:  
  
BENIGNO R. FITIAL  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

ATTESTED TO BY:  
  
EVELYN C. FLEMING  
HOUSE CLERK

Approved on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2004

  
JUAN N. BABAUTA  
GOVERNOR  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS