



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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Honorable Teresita A. Santos
Chairwoman, Rota Legislative Delegation
Eighteenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Honorable Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero
Speaker, House of Representatives
Eighteenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Chairwoman Santos and Speaker Deleon Guerrero:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law, House Local Bill 18-12, D1, entitled, "To appropriate \$60,000.00 from local license fees collected from poker and pachinko slot machines in the First Senatorial District; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Rota Legislative Delegation of the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

While I approve this measure, I do so with reservations with respect to the \$6,000 appropriation for Rota Employees' Retroactive Payment pursuant to PL7-31. The legislation fails to identify which employees are to be paid as the amount appropriated is insufficient to compensate the complete list of employees awaiting retroactive payments. As such, the Secretary of Finance may hold the payments in abeyance until there are sufficient monies for all employees.

This bill becomes **Rota Local Law No. 18-2**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "ELOY S. INOS".

ELOY S. INOS

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Rota Municipal Scholarship Office
Rota Municipal Council
Rota Little League
Special Assistant for Programs & Legislative Review



ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
EIGHTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2013

Rota Local Law No. 18-2
HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 18-12, D1

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

To appropriate \$60,000.00 from local license fees collected from 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. Short Title.** The purpose of this Act is to appropriate the amount of
2 \$60,000.00 from local license fees for poker and pachinko slot machines collected pursuant to
3 10 CMC §1901 to activities for the First Senatorial District. The Commonwealth Legislature
4 enacts this legislation under its authority in Article II, sections 1 and 6 of the Constitution of
5 the Northern Mariana Islands. The First Senatorial District Delegation finds that there is a
6 need to provide a subsistence allowance for residents of the First Senatorial District who are
7 undergoing dialysis and treatment for terminal illnesses outside of the First Senatorial District
8 and to also fund other programs.

9 **Section 2. Appropriations.** The amount of \$60,000.00 is appropriated from local
10 license fees for poker and pachinko slot machines collected pursuant to 10 CMC §1901 for the
11 following purposes:

12 (a) \$43,050.00 to the Department of Finance for the purpose of providing a
13 monthly subsistence allowance for residents for the First Senatorial District who are
14 undergoing dialysis treatment and treatment for terminal illnesses outside of the First
15 Senatorial District. The residents of the First Senatorial District eligible for the
16 subsistence allowance shall be determined by the Medical Assistance Board established
17 under Rota Local Law 17-19.

18 (b) \$6,000.00 for PL7-31, Rota Employee's Retroactive Payment.

1 (c) \$6,000.00 for the Rota Municipal Scholarship Fund.

2 (d) \$500.00 for the Youth Basketball Renovation.

3 (e) \$500.00 for the Fly Trap Program.

4 (f) \$3,950.00 for the Rota Little League.

5 **Section 3. Expenditure Authorities.** The expenditure authority for subsections (a)
6 and (b) shall be the Secretary of Finance; subsection (c) shall be the Chairperson of the Rota
7 Municipal Scholarship Program; subsection (d) shall be Councilman George Hocog;
8 subsection (e) shall be the Executive Director of the Rota Municipal Council, Mr. Steve
9 Mesngon; and, subsection (f) shall be the President of the Rota Little League, Ms. Vivian
10 Hocog. Furthermore, notwithstanding any provisions, laws to the contrary, funds appropriated
11 under this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purposes.

12 **Section 4. Medical Assistance Review Board.**

13 (a) The Medical Assistance Board established by Rota Local Law 17-19 shall
14 continue to exist to make eligibility determinations under this Act.

15 (b) The Medical Assistance Board shall follow the requirements set forth in Rota
16 Local Law 17-19, Sections 5 and 6.

17 (c) Those persons determined by the Medical Assistance Board to be eligible for
18 payment under Rota Local Law 17-19, are eligible to receive payment under this Act.

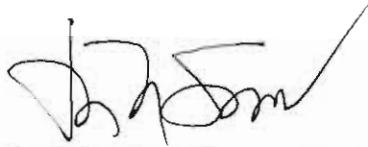
19 (d) The approved subsistence allowance shall not exceed \$450.00 per month.

20 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
21 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
22 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
23 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

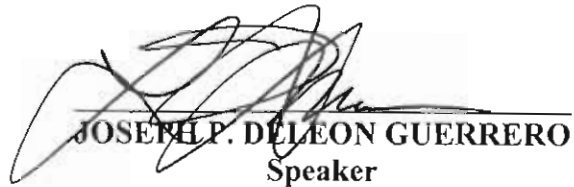
24 **Section 6. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
25 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
26 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained
27 in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The
28 enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any
29 liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes
30 effective.

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

CERTIFIED BY:



TERESITA A. SANTOS
Chairperson
Rota Legislative Delegation



JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO
Speaker
House of Representatives

Approved on this 21ST day of MAY, 2013.



ELOY S. INOS
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands