



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Eloy S. Inos
Governor

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Lieutenant Governor

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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 Ms. Chairwoman and Mr. Speaker:

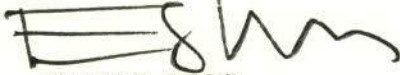
This is to inform you that I have signed into law with disapproved items, H.L.B. 18-34, D1, entitled, "To appropriate \$50,000.00 from the local license fees collected for poker and pachinko slot machines in the First Senatorial District; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Rota Legislative Delegation, Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

I disapproved items (c) and (d) for the same reasons it was disapproved in RLL 18-5. It appropriates public funds to private schools without any details as to the exact purpose for which it is appropriated. Absent justification that it is for a public purpose, I am unable to approve these provisions. I urge the local delegation to revisit the matter and reappropriate the funds if the public purpose test is met.

While I approve this measure, please take note that only two machines have been renewed thus far, for a total collection of \$12,000.00. As such, payments of \$450 can be made to each patient only up to the total amount of the collection until such time that other machines are renewed.

This bill becomes **Rota Local Law 18-09**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eloy S. Inos', written over a set of three horizontal lines.

ELOY S. INOS
Governor

cc: Lt. Governor; Attorney General; Department of Finance; Press Secretary; Mayor of Rota; Rota Municipal Council; Commonwealth Law Revision Commission; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review.



ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
First Senatorial District
Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
P. O. Box 500586
Saipan, MP 96950

Representative Teresita A. Santos, Chairperson

Senator Victor B. Hocog, Legislative Secretary

Senator Jovita M. Taimanao, Vice Chairperson/Floor Leader

November 22, 2013

Honorable Eloy S. Inos
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Inos:

I am honored to transmit for your action *House Local Bill No. 18-34, D1*, entitled,

"To appropriate \$50,000.00 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 Eighteenth Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature on First and Final Reading, a quorum being present, during its Second Day, Second Regular Session, 2013 held on November 14, 2013.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alicia DLG. Leon Guerrero".

Alicia DLG. Leon Guerrero
Delegation Clerk

Enclosures



ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
EIGHTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2013

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 18-34, D1

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

To appropriate \$50,000.00 from local license fees collected for poker and pachinko slot machines in the First Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

Offered by Representative Teresita A. Santos

Introduced on October 21, 2013

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation on October 28, 2013

DELEGATION ACTION

Committee Referral	:	None
Standing Committee Report	:	None
Comments Solicited	:	October 29, 2013 & November 8, 2013 [Mayor of Rota & Chairman, Municipal Council]
Comments Received	:	November 12, 2013 [Mayor of Rota]
Passed First & Final Reading:		November 14, 2013 [as HLB 18-34, D1]

Alicia DLG Leon Guerrero
Delegation Clerk



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**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT
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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1
OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to appropriate the amount of \$50,000.00 from local license fees for poker and pachinko slot machines collected pursuant to 10 CMC §1901 to activities for the First Senatorial District. The Commonwealth Legislature enacts this legislation under its authority in Article II, sections 1 and 6 of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands. The First Senatorial District Delegation finds that there is a need to provide a subsistence allowance for residents of the First Senatorial District who are undergoing dialysis and treatment for terminal illnesses outside of the First Senatorial District.

Section 2. Appropriations. The amount of \$50,000.00 is appropriated from local license fees for poker and pachinko slot machines collected pursuant to 10 CMC §1901 for the following purposes:

- a) \$37,500.000 to the Department of Finance for the purpose of providing a monthly subsistence allowance for residents for the First Senatorial District who are undergoing dialysis treatment and treatment for terminal illnesses outside of the First Senatorial District. The monthly subsistence allowance shall not exceed \$450.00 per month.
- b) \$10,000.00 to the Rota Municipal Scholarship Fund pursuant to Rota Local Law 17-02.
- ~~c) \$1,000.00 to the Rota Grace Christian Academy for operations and school supplies.~~
- ~~d) \$1,000.00 to the Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja for operations and school supplies.~~

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1 **Section 3. Expenditure Authority.** The expenditure authority for subsection (a) shall be
2 the Secretary of Finance; subsection (b) shall be the Chairperson of the Rota Municipal Scholarship
3 Program; subsection (c) shall be the Principal of Rota Grace Christian Academy; and subsection (d)
4 shall be the Administrator of the Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja.

5 **Section. Reprogramming.** Notwithstanding any provisions, laws to the contrary, funds
6 appropriated under this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purposes.

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

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

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



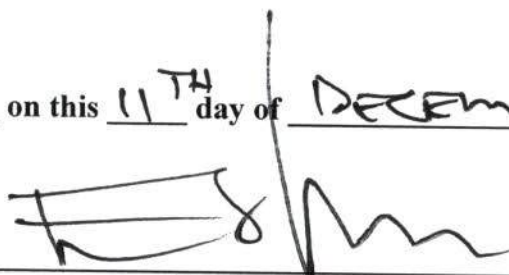
TERESITA A. SANTOS
Chairperson
Rota Legislative Delegation

CERTIFIED BY:



JOSEPH E. DELEON GUERRERO
Speaker
House of Representatives

Approved on this 11TH day of DECEMBER, 2013.



ELOY S. INOS
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands