



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Eloy S. Inos
Governor

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Lieutenant Governor

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

11 DEC 2013

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 18-36, D1, entitled, "To appropriate \$102,000.00 from 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 of the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

While I approve this measure, I do so with reservations. There is a discrepancy between what the retroactive distribution schedule shows and this measure. The amount to be distributed (\$94,069.12) is less than the appropriated amount of (\$96,915.26), which leaves a balance of unapplied revenue of \$2,846.14.

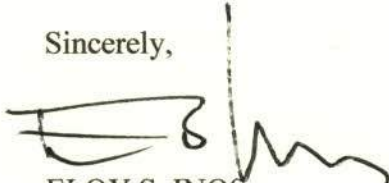
The breakdown of the variation is as follows:

1. The distribution schedule for retroactive payment beginning with the amount of \$79.34 up to \$1,000.00 total \$20,362.24, versus \$22,062.41 as shown on the bill, for a difference of \$1,700.17.
2. The distribution schedule for retroactive payment beginning with the amount of \$1,001.00 up to \$2,112.50 total \$37,922.16, versus \$39,065.13 as shown on the bill, for a difference of \$1,142.97.
3. The distribution schedule for retroactive payment beginning with the amount of \$2,305.42 up to \$2,905.42 total \$35,784.72, versus \$35,787.72 as shown on the bill, for a difference of \$3.00.

I urge the delegation to work closely with Rota's Office of Personnel Management for any future retroactive compensation payments to ensure accuracy. Furthermore, as with Rota Local Law 18-9, monies cannot be disbursed until machines are renewed and license fees collected.

This bill becomes **Rota Local Law No. 18-10**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,



ELOY S. INOS

CC: Lt. Governor
Press Secretary, Office of the Governor
Secretary of Finance
Mayor of Rota
Rota Municipal Council
Special Assistant for Programs & Legislative Review



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Senator Victor B. Hocog, Legislative Secretary

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. 18-36. D1*, entitled,

"To appropriate \$102,000.00 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,


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. 18-36, D1

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

To appropriate \$102,000.00 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 November 6, 2013

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation on November 12, 2013

DELEGATION ACTION

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| Committee Referral | : | None |
| Standing Committee Report | : | None |
| Comments Solicited | : | November 8, 2013 [Mayor of Rota & Chairman, Municipal Council] |
| Comments Received | : | November 13, 2013 [Mayor of Rota] |
| Passed First & Final Reading: | | November 14, 2013 [as HLB 18-36, D1] |


Alicia DLG Leon Guerrero
Delegation Clerk



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 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. Purpose.** The purpose of this Act is to appropriate the amount of \$102,000.00 from
 2 local license fees for poker and pachinko slot machines collected pursuant to 10 CMC §1901 for the
 3 First Senatorial District. The First Senatorial District Delegation finds that there is a need to provide
 4 funding for the payment of the compensation owed to employees pursuant to Public Law 7-31.
 5 Because this appropriation is not sufficient to cover all the retroactive payments owed the employees,
 6 this appropriation shall be used to pay those who are owed \$3,000 or less. Employees who are owed
 7 greater than \$3,000.00 will be paid under the appropriation made under Public Law 18-18. In addition,
 8 this Act appropriates some funds for the Office of the Mayor of Rota.

9 **Section 2. Appropriation.** The amount of \$102,000.00 is appropriated from local license fees
 10 for poker and pachinko slot machines collected pursuant to 10 CMC §1901 to provide funds for the
 11 Office of the Mayor of Rota and the retroactive payment to employees in the First Senatorial District
 12 pursuant to Public Law 7-31.

- 13 a) The amount of \$96,915.26 is appropriated for the following:
- 14 1) The amount of \$22,062.41 is for retroactive payment beginning with
 - 15 the amount of \$79.34 up to \$1,000.00.
 - 16 2) The amount of \$39,065.13 is for retroactive payment beginning
 - 17 with the amount of \$1,001.00 up to \$2,112.50.
 - 18 3) The amount of \$35,787.72 is for retroactive payment beginning with
 - 19 the amount of \$2,305.42 up to \$2,905.42.

b) The amount of \$5,000.00 is appropriated for the Office of the Mayor of Rota for programs and operations.

Section 3. Expenditure Authority; Disbursement.

a) The expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of Finance and the payments shall be disbursed to employees owed less than \$3,000.00 in retroactive payments pursuant to Public Law 7-31 and such payments shall be funded as provided in Section 2(a).

b) The expenditure authority of the funds provided under Section 2(b) shall be the Mayor of Rota.

Section 4. 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 5. 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 6. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming law without such approval.



TERESITA A. SANTOS
Chairperson
Rota Legislative Delegation

CERTIFIED BY:



JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO
Speaker
House of Representatives

~~Approved~~ on this 11TH day of December, 2013.



ELOY S. INOS
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands