

David M. Apatang
Governor



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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

October 30, 2025

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The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Karl R. King-Nabors
President
The Senate; Twenty-Fourth Northern
Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Bill No. 24-45, SD1** entitled, "To re-appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) under Public Law 21-10, Section 2(G), for operational expenses of the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota and for Rota patient's subsistence allowance.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 24-16**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


DAVID M. APATANG
Governor

cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision;
Public Auditor; Secretary of the Department of Finance; Mayor of Rota;
Special Assistant for Administration; Programs and Legislative Review



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE**

Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building
Capitol Hill
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October 29, 2025

The Honorable David M. Apatang
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Apatang:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your action **H. B. No. 24-45, SD1**, entitled: "To re-appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) under Public Law No. 21-10, Section 2(G), for operational expenses of the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota and for the Rota patients' subsistence allowance.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,


Linda B. Muña, MPA
House Clerk

Attachment



**TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANA COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 15, 2025

REPRESENTATIVE JULIE M. A. OGO OF ROTA, PRECINCT 7 (*for herself*) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

H. B. No. 24-45, SD1

AN ACT

TO RE-APPROPRIATE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) UNDER PUBLIC LAW NO. 21-10, SECTION 2(G), FOR OPERATIONAL EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROTA AND FOR THE ROTA PATIENTS' SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Bill was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means, which submitted Standing Committee Report 24-26; adopted 8/29/2025.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON
FIRST AND FINAL READING, AUGUST 29, 2025;**
without amendments and transmitted to **THE SENATE.**

IN THE SENATE

The Bill was not referred to a Senate Committee.

THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025;
with amendments in the form of H. B. No. 24-45, SD1 and returned to
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House of Representatives accepted the Senate amendments and passed H. B. No. 24-45, SD1 during its 6th Day, Second Regular Session on October 24, 2025.

**H. B. No. 24-45, SD1 IS DULY PASSED BY THE TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE.**



Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTH DAY, SECOND REGULAR SESSION

OCTOBER 24, 2025

H. B. No. 24-45, SD1

AN ACT

**TO RE-APPROPRIATE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00)
UNDER PUBLIC LAW NO. 21-10, SECTION 2(G), FOR
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROTA AND FOR THE ROTA
PATIENTS' SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN
MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2 The Legislature finds that, pursuant to Public Law No. 21-10, the annual
3 casino license fee paid for the sixth year is to be distributed in accordance with
4 4 CMC § 2307. Specifically, 4 CMC § 2307(a) provides that Two Million Dollars
5 (\$2,000,000.00) shall be allocated to the First Senatorial District. Further, Section
6 2(G) of Public Law No. 21-10 designates Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from
7 this allocation for partial payment to Sun Palace for lodging expenses incurred by
8 Rota patients, under the expenditure authority of the Secretary of Finance.

9 The Legislature further finds that, according to a funding certification issued
10 by the Department of Finance on October 29, 2024, the Fifty Thousand Dollars

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1 (\$50,000.00) allocated under Section 2(G) of Public Law No. 21-10 remained
2 unencumbered and available in Business Unit No. 7193B.

3 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate the Fifty Thousand
4 Dollars (\$50,000.00) to the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota for
5 operational expenses and for the Rota patients' subsistence allowance.

6 **SECTION 2. RE-APPROPRIATION.**

7 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) under Section 2(G) of Public Law No. 21-
8 10, deposited in BU 7193B, is reappropriated as follows:

9 “(a) Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) is hereby reappropriated
10 to the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota for Operational
11 Expenses.

12 (b) Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) is reappropriated for the
13 Rota patients' subsistence allowance.”

14 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

15 (a) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(a) of this Act
16 shall be the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota.

17 (b) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(b) of this Act
18 shall be the Secretary of Finance.

19 **SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.**

20 If any provisions of this Act or the application of any such provision to any
21 person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction,
22 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
24 thereby.

25 **SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

26 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as
27 affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
28 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes.
29 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or

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1 pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of
2 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall
3 already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

4 **SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor, or it becoming
6 law without such approval.

Attested to by:



Linda B. Muña, House Clerk

Certified by:



SPEAKER EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ
House of Representatives
24th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Approved this 30th day of October, 2025



DAVID M. APATANG
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands