



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Benigno R. Fitial
Governor

Timothy P. Villagomez
Lieutenant Governor

PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-104

The Honorable Oscar M. Babauta
Speaker, House of Representatives
Fifteenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

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The Honorable Joseph M. Mendiola
Senate President, The Senate
Fifteenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I have approved House Bill No. 15-317, HD 1 entitled, "An Act to Appropriate \$800,000.00 earned under the \$60 Million CIP Bond (Public Law 11-102) for the Rota International Airport; and for other purposes," which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Fifteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill become **Public Law No. 15-104**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benigno R. Fitial".

BENIGNO R. FITIAL

cc: Lt. Governor, Attorney General,
Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Secretary, Department of Finance
Coordinator, Capitol Improvement Project
Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Development Authority
Acting Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority
Managing Director, Marianas Visitors Authority

Mayor of Rota, Office of the Mayor
Secretary, Department of Public Lands
Secretary, Department of Lands and Natural Resources
Special Assistant for Office of Budget and Management
Special Assistant for Administration
Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



The House of Representatives
NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
P.O. BOX 500586
SAIPAN, MP 96950

PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-104

October 29, 2007

The Honorable Benigno R. Fitial
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Fitial:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your action **H. B. No. 15-317, HD1**, entitled, "An Act to Appropriate \$800,000.00 earned under the \$60 Million CIP Bond (Public Law 11-102) for the Rota International Airport; and for other purposes," which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Fifteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,


Evelyn C. Fleming
House Clerk

Attachment



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FIFTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 2007

PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-104
H. B. No. 15-317, HD1

AN ACT

To APPROPRIATE \$800,000.00 EARNED UNDER THE \$60 MILLION eIP BOND (PUBLIC LAW 11-102) FOR THE ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

In the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Offered by Representatives: Crispin M. ago, Martin B. Ada, Edwin P. Aldan,
Oscar M. Babauta, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero,
Jesus SN. Lizama, Arnold I. Palacios, Justo S. Quitugua, Benjamin B. Seman,
Candido B. Taman, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Manuel A. Tenorio,
Stanley T. McGinnis Torres, and Ray N. Yumul

Date: October 24, 2007

Referred to: None
Public Hearing: None
Standing Committee Report: None

Passed First and Final Reading on October 27, 2007

In the SENATE

Referred to: None
Public Hearing: None
Standing Committee Report: None

Passed Final Reading on October 5, 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Evelyn C. Fleming".

Evelyn C. Fleming, House Clerk



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FIFTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 2007

PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-104

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AN ACT

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE FIFTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that Rota is in dire need of
2 assistance to stimulate its tourism industry. The Legislature also finds that the
3 Commonwealth Ports Authority is in negotiations with major carriers to bring international
4 charter flights direct to Rota. Although some carriers have expressed interest in flying direct
5 charter flights to Rota, the Rota International Airport facility is not properly equipped to
6 handle jet aircraft. Aside from the ground and other equipment that the servicing of jet
7 aircraft would require, the airport itself would need to be renovated to accommodate the
8 larger passenger and cargo capacity anticipated on such charter flights. The purpose of this
9 act is to appropriate \$800,000.00 earned under the \$60 million CIP Bonds (Public Law
10 11-102) administered by the Commonwealth Development Authority.

11 Section 2. Appropriation. Notwithstanding any provision of law, there is hereby
12 appropriated \$800,000.00, earned under the \$60 million CIP Bond as authorized by Public
13 Law 11-102, for the Rota International Airport to fund:

14 a. the purchase of collateral equipment necessary to service jet aircraft at the
15 airport terminal;

16 b. renovations and installation of fixtures at the airport terminal building and
17 wherever necessary, including but not limited to, arrival, departure and cargo areas, to
18 handle the passenger capacity of commercial jet aircraft capable of international
19 flights to Rota; and


1 Section 3. Expenditure Authority. The Chairman of the Board of the
2 Commonwealth Ports Authority shall be the expenditure authority of funds appropriated in
3 section 2 of this Act. The funds shall not lapse, not be subject to any fiscal year limitation,
4 nor be reprogrammed for any other purpose.

5 Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
6 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
7 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
8 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

9 Section 5. Savings Clause. This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
10 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
11 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers
12 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law.
13 The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying,
14 any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act
15 becomes effective.

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

CERTIFIED BY:



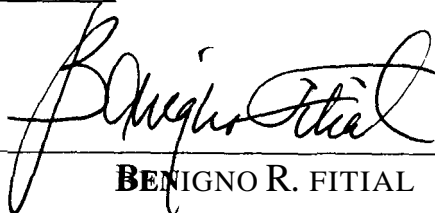
OSCAR M. BABAUTA
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

ATTESTED TO BY:



EVELYN C. FLEMING
HOUSE CLERK

APPROVED on this 2nd day of November, 2007



BENIGNO R. FITIAL
GOVERNOR

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS