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Governor

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

November 20, 2023

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The Honorable Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

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

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 23-19**, entitled, "To repeal Rota Local Law 13-3, which imposed a complete ban on the exportation of Raw Bayogo from the island of Rota," which was passed by the Rota Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Rota Local Law No. 23-06**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Governor

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



ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
First Senatorial District
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Senator Donald M. Manglona, Chairman
Representative Julie A. Ogo, Vice Chair

Senator Dennis C. Mendiola, Floor Leader
Senator Paul A. Manglona, Legislative Secretary

October 24, 2023

The Honorable Arnold I. Palacios
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Honorable Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Palacios:

I am honored to transmit for your action **House Local Bill No. 23-19**, entitled, "To repeal Rota Local Law 13-3, which imposed a complete ban on the exportation of Raw Bayogo from the island of Rota.", which was passed unanimously by the Rota Legislative Delegation, Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature on its First and Final Reading, a quorum duly present during its 1st Day, Second Regular Session held on October 23, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,


Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk

Enclosure





**ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2023**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-19

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

To repeal Rota Local Law 13-3, which imposed a complete ban on the exportation of Raw Bayogo from the island of Rota.

OFFERED BY

Representative Julie Marie A. Ogo

Introduced on June 28, 2023

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Rota Legislative Delegation for action on

July 31, 2023

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	7/31/23: Mayor of Rota [Del. Matters 23-22] & 19 th Rota Municipal Council [Del. Matters 23-23]
Comments Received:	None
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	October 23, 2023


Frances Jean P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



**ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2023

H. L. B. NO. 23-19

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FOR THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

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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. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

The 23rd Rota Legislative Delegation finds that the imposition of a complete ban on Bayogo export from Rota has economically outgrown its purpose in making certain that the Bayogo from Rota is not exploited to enrich others by excluding Rota Bayogo crafts in the markets accessible to tourists. The ban has gone through several economic changes and actually became a detriment to the people of Rota by not having the opportunity to export raw Bayogo to sustain their livelihoods during economic crises in the CNMI.

Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to repeal Rota Local Law 13-3 and lift the ban so that people from Rota can begin to explore economic opportunities by either exporting raw Bayogo or venturing into crafting and exporting their crafts through online marketing or other avenues.

1 **SECTION 2. REPEALER.**

2 Rota Local Law 13-3, codified under Title 10, Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 4, of the
3 Commonwealth Code, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

4 **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

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

9 **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

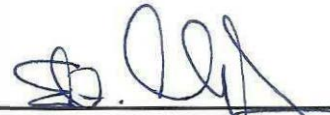
16 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

17 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming law without
18 such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:



Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
23rd House of Representatives

Approved this 20th day of November, 2023.



Arnold I. Palacios
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands