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Lieutenant Governor

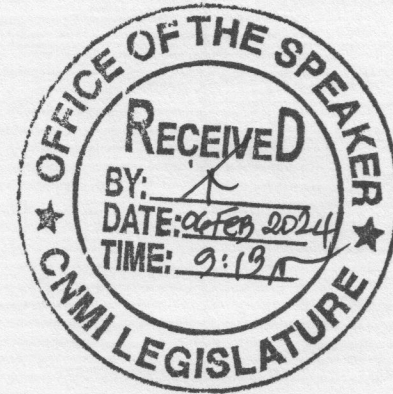
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

February 02, 2024

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The Honorable Karl R. King-Nabors
Chairman
Tinian and Aguiguan 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. 23-35, D1** entitled, "To appropriate \$208,000.00 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes." The bill was passed unanimously by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Tinian Local Law No. 23-07**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

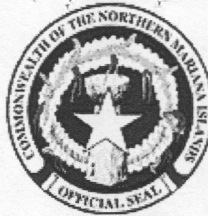
Sincerely,

ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Governor

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DATE 2/4/2024 TIME 9:17a

cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision; Secretary of Finance; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan; Tinian Municipal Treasury; Programs & Legislative Review Office

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**TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2024

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-35, D1

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

To appropriate \$208,000.00 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas

Prefiled on December 21, 2023 and Introduced on December 27, 2023

HOUSE ACTION

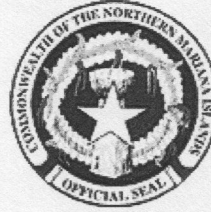
Transmitted to Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action on
December 27, 2023

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	1/9/24: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Del. Matters 23-33] & Tinian & Aguiguan Municipal Council [Del. Matters 23-34]
Comments Received:	1/9/24: Mayors Comm. 23-22
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	January 12, 2024 w/Draft 1

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frances", written over a horizontal line.

**Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk**



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H. L. B. 23-35, D1

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT
TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

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

2 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate Two Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand dollars
3 (\$208,000.00 USD) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District.
4 The certification of funds was prepared on November 29, 2023, and was reviewed and confirmed
5 by the Secretary of Finance. This appropriation of local funds is not part of the FY 2024 Budget
6 Act. Therefore, this local appropriation of local poker fees does not contravene 1 CMC § 7401 and
7 1 CMC § 7204(d) or any other provision of the CNMI Budget Act.

8 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary and
10 pursuant to funds allocated to the Second Senatorial District from poker fees, the Tinian and

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1 Aguiguan Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates \$208,000.00 of the revenues collected for
2 the Second Senatorial District from the poker fees as follows:

3 (A) \$118,000.00 to the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan for operations, professional
4 services and fees, and public programs.

5 (B) \$40,000.00 to the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan discretionary account.

6 (C) \$35,000.00 to the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board.

7 (D) \$5,000.00 to the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority-Tinian.

8 (E) \$10,000.00 to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation operations.

9 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

10 (A)The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(A) and (B) shall be the Mayor
11 of Tinian and Aguiguan.

12 (B)The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(C) shall be the Tinian
13 Municipal Scholarship Board Chairperson.

14 (C)The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2(D) shall be the Tinian Municipal
15 Council Chairperson.

16 (D)The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2(E) shall be the Tinian and
17 Aguiguan Legislative Delegation Chairperson.

18 **SECTION 4. FUND TRANSFER.**

19 The Secretary of Finance shall transfer the funds appropriated under this Act to the Tinian
20 Municipal Treasurer within 14 days after this Act is signed into law.

21 **SECTION 5. REPROGRAMMING.**

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1 Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose and
2 notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under this Act shall be without fiscal
3 year limitation(s).

4 **SECTION 6. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

5 The recipient of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be responsible to
6 report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance by the end of the 2024 calendar
7 year.

8 **SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.**

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

13 **SECTION 8. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

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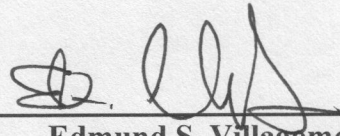
1 SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.

2 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming law without
3 such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

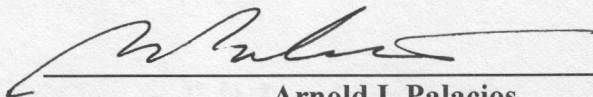


Karl R. King-Nabors
Chairman
Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation

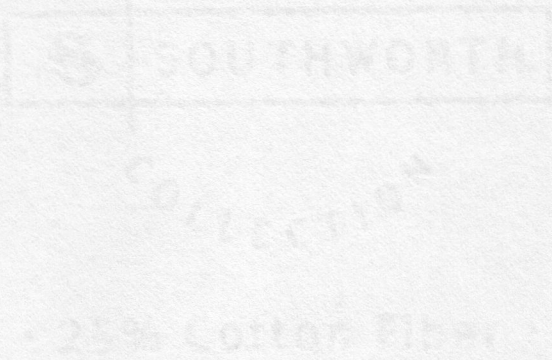


Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
23rd House of Representatives

Approved this 2nd day of February, 2024.



Arnold I. Palacios
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



Project Name: LOCAL REVENUE-TINIAN POKER
 JDE Business Unit: 3301
 Project Ledger Project Number: RL17010010
 General Ledger Project Number: 3301

	SOB	Financial Services	Total
JDE Ending Actual Balance as of 9/30/2021 (Inception)	164,903.00	-	164,903.00
FY21 Encumbrances in JDE	-	-	-
Should be Beginning Balance in FY2022 (10/01/2021)	\$ 164,903.00	\$ -	\$ 164,903.00

FY2022

	SOB	Financial Services	Total
Revenue			
JDE	-	-	-
PL	160,000.00	-	160,000.00
General Ledger	-	-	-

Expenses

JDE as of 09/30/2022 (Current)

	SOB	Financial Services	Total
Actual	-	-	-
Encumbrance	-	-	-
Project Ledger			
Actual	140,000.00	-	140,000.00
Encumbrance	-	-	-
Ending Balance FY2022	\$ 204,903.00	\$ -	\$ 204,903.00

FY2023

	SOB	Financial Services	Total
Revenue			
JDE	164,000.00	-	164,000.00
Project Ledger	-	-	-
General Ledger	-	-	-

Expenses

Project Ledger

	SOB	Financial Services	Total
Actual	-	-	-
Encumbrance	-	-	-
General Ledger			
Actual	-	-	-
Encumbrance	-	-	-
Pending Appropriations	68,000.00	-	68,000.00
Ending Balance FY2023	\$ 300,003.00	\$ -	\$ 300,003.00

FY2024

	SOB	Financial Services	Total
Revenue			
JDE	12,000.00	-	12,000.00

Expenses

Project Ledger

	SOB	Financial Services	Total
Actual	-	-	-
Encumbrance	-	-	-
General Ledger			
Actual	-	-	-
Encumbrance	-	-	-
Pending Appropriations	124,000.00	-	124,000.00

FY24 Remaining Balance as of 11/20/2023	\$ 188,903.00	\$ -	\$ 188,903.00
Account Inquiry Total Revised Budget		\$	205,000.00
Decrease (subject for adjustment)		\$	(16,097.00)

Prepared By: *[Signature]* 11/29/23
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Prepared By: *[Signature]* 12-14-23
 Ryan A. Santos, Accountant II

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Consumed By: *[Signature]* 12/15/23
 Bernadette Palencia, Director of Financial Services

Confirmed By: *[Signature]* 12/20/23
 Tracy B. Merino, Secretary of Finance

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