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Governor



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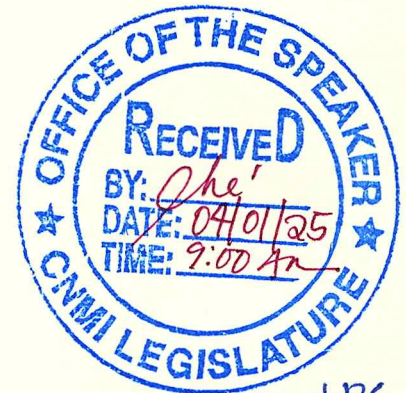
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
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The Honorable Jude U. Hofschneider  
Chairman  
Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation  
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

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



4/1/25

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 24-2, D1**, entitled "To appropriate Eighty Four Thousand Dollars (\$84,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This Bill becomes **Tinian Local Law 24-02**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD I. PALACIOS  
Governor

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TIME 7:59am

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

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TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2025

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-2, D1

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

To appropriate Eighty Four Thousand Dollars (\$84,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas

Introduced on March 11, 2025

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action on

March 11, 2025

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to: None  
Comments Solicited: 3/11/25: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Del. Matters 24-14] & 20<sup>th</sup> Tinian Municipal Council [Del. Matters 24-15]  
Comments Received: 3/12/25: Mayors Comm. 24-03  
Special Committee Report: None  
Passed First & Final Reading: March 12, 2025 w/Draft 1

Frances Joan P. Kaipat  
Delegation Clerk



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**H. L. B. 24-2, D1**

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FOR THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

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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. PURPOSE.**

2       The purpose of this Act is to appropriate Eighty Four Thousand Dollars (\$84,000.00 USD)  
3 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District. The certification of  
4 funds was prepared on March 5, 2025 by the Resident Department Head of the Department of  
5 Finance, Tinian. This appropriation of local funds is not part of the FY2025 Budget Act.  
6 Therefore, this local appropriation of local funds does not contravene 1CMC §7401 and 1 CMC  
7 §7404(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 Eighty Four Thousand Dollars (\$84,000.00)  
2 of the revenues collected for the Second Senatorial District from the poker fees as follows:

3 (A) \$60,000.00 to the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan and the Tinian Municipal Treasurer  
4 for personnel, operations, professional services, and public programs;

5 (B) \$16,500 for the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan's discretionary fund; and

6 (C) \$7,500.00 for the Tinian High School Valedictorian and Salutatorian Scholarships.

7 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

8 The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2(A)-(C) shall be the Mayor of Tinian  
9 and Aguiguan.

10 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

14 **SECTION 5. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

15 The recipient of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be responsible to  
16 report all expenses responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance  
17 by the end of the 2025 calendar year. Provided further that failure to provide all expenses, entities  
18 that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated  
19 by the Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation.

20 **SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.**

21 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or

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1 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act  
2 or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held  
3 invalid shall not be affected thereby.

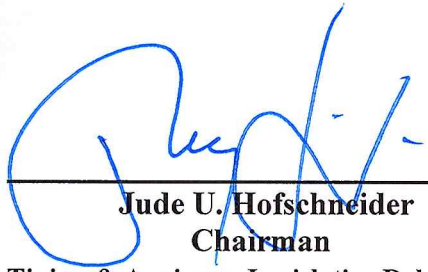
4 **SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**


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

11 **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**


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

**CERTIFIED BY:**

  
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**Jude U. Hofschneider**  
Chairman  
Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation

  
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**Edmund S. Villagomez**  
Speaker  
24<sup>th</sup> House of Representatives

Approved this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2025.

  
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**Arnold I. Palacios**  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
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March 5, 2025

Hon. Edwin P. Aldan  
Mayor  
Municipality of Tinian & Aguiguan  
Tinian, MP 96952

***RE: Collection of Poker Fees on Tinian***

Buenas Mayor Aldan,

I am writing to inform you that on February 25, 2025, Huang Shun Corporation made payment to the Department of Finance on Tinian in the amount of \$36,000 for the renewal of three poker machine licenses. On February 28, 2025, Yong Chang Corporation renewed the poker machine license for 11 machines and made a payment of \$132,000. All payments were made at the Tinian Department of Finance and funds have been deposited into the CNMI Treasury account. In accordance with Tinian Local Law 23-10, the annual local license fee for Tinian would be \$84,000.

Should you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [ma.mendiola@dof.gov.mp](mailto:ma.mendiola@dof.gov.mp) or (670) 433-1600/04.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Milissa A. Mendiola".

Milissa A. Mendiola  
Resident Department Head  
Department of Finance