



GOV. COMM. 24-191
(HOUSE)

David M. Apatang
Governor

Dennis James C. Mendiola
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

September 9, 2026

GOV 2026-574

The Honorable Jude U. Hofschneider
Chairman
Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Diego Vincent F. Camacho
Acting Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950



Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Acting Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 24-61, D1**, entitled "To appropriate Forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00) 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 No. 24-12**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


DAVID M. APATANG
Governor


RECEIVED
DATE/BY 9/9/2026
@ 2:14 pm

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



**TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2026**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-61, D1

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

To appropriate Forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas

Introduced on August 20, 2026

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action on

August 20, 2026

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	8/20/26: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Del. Matters 24-67] & 20 th Tinian Municipal Council [Del. Matters 24-68]
Comments Received:	8/25/26: Mayors Comm. 24-14
Special Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	September 4, 2026, w/Draft 1


Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



**TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
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H. L. B. 24-61, 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:**

SECTION 1. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate Forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District. The certification of funds was prepared on August 6, 2026, by the Acting Resident Department Head of the Department of Finance, Tinian, and has been attached as reference. This appropriation of local funds is not part of the FY 2026 Budget Act. Therefore, this local appropriation of local funds does not contravene 1 CMC §7401 and 1 CMC §7404(d) or any other provision of the CNMI Budget Act.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.

Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules, or regulations to the contrary and 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 Forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00) of
2 the revenues collected for the Second Senatorial District from the poker fees as follows:

3 (A) \$17,250.00 shall be allocated to the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan for
4 operations, personnel, professional services, and public programs.

5 (B) \$10,000.00 shall be allocated to the Mayor of Tinian's Discretionary Fund.

6 (C) \$2,000.00 shall be allocated to the 2nd Combined Law Enforcement Academy
7 graduation activities.

8 (D) \$12,750.00 shall be allocated to the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission:

9 (1) \$6,750.00 for the compensation of current and former commissioners;

10 (2) \$6,000.00 for the personnel and operations of the TCGCC.

11 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

12 The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2(A)-(D) shall be the Mayor of Tinian
13 and Aguiguan.

14 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

18 **SECTION 5. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

19 The Secretary of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the sum of Forty-
20 two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the Tinian
21 Municipal Treasurer for the local public purposes specified in this Act. This transfer shall not be

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1 construed to limit, diminish, or otherwise impair the constitutional or statutory authority of the
2 Secretary of Finance to control, regulate, supervise, audit, and account for the expenditure of
3 public funds. All funds transferred shall remain subject to Commonwealth accounting and audit
4 requirements. The Tinian Municipal Treasurer shall submit monthly expenditure reports, with
5 supporting documentation, to the Secretary of Finance in a form prescribed by the Department of
6 Finance.

7 SECTION 6. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.

8 The recipient of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be responsible to
9 report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance by the end of the 2026 calendar
10 year. Provided further that failure to provide all expenses reports as required, entities that were
11 afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated by the
12 Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation.

13 SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.

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

18 SECTION 8. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

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1 instituted under or 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 already be in
3 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

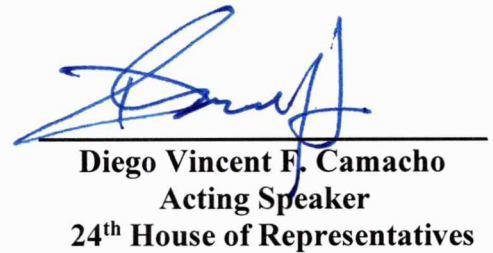
4 **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

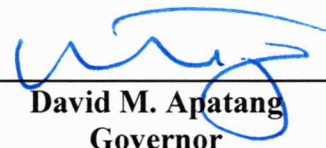
CERTIFIED BY:


Jude U. Hofschneider
Chairman

Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation


Diego Vincent F. Camacho
Acting Speaker
24th House of Representatives

Approved this 9th day of September, 2026.


David M. Apatang
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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August 6, 2026

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

RE: Collection of Poker Fees on Tinian

Hafa Adai Mayor Aldan,

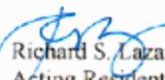
This is to inform you that Long Shen Corporation made a \$84,000 payment for the renewal of seven (7) poker machine licenses. Deposit dates into the CNMI Treasury account are as follows:

1. August 05, 2026	\$84,000.00
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In accordance with Tinian Local Law 23-10, the local license fee for Tinian is \$42,000.

Should you require additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at r.lazaro@dof.gov.mp or by phone at (670) 433-1600/04/10.

Sincerely,


Richard S. Lazaro
Acting Resident Department Head
Department of Finance