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Governor



GOV. COMM. 24-110  
(HOUSE)

Dennis James C. Mendiola  
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

January 27, 2026

LTGOV 2026-005

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



1/28/26

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 24-39, D1**, entitled "To appropriate Fifty-four Thousand Dollars (\$54,000.00) 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. 24-10**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

**DENNIS JAMES C. MENDIOLA**  
Acting Governor

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



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

**HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-39, D1**

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FOR THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

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**OFFERED BY**

**Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas**

Introduced on January 16, 2026

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**HOUSE ACTION**

Transmitted to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action on  
January 16, 2026

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**DELEGATION ACTION**

<b>Referred to:</b>	None
<b>Comments Solicited:</b>	1/16/26: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Del. Matters 24-48] & 20 <sup>th</sup> Tinian Municipal Council [Del. Matters 24-49]
<b>Comments Received:</b>	1/20/26: Mayors Comm. 24-10
<b>Special Committee Report:</b>	None
<b>Passed First &amp; Final Reading:</b>	January 22, 2026 w/Draft 1

  
**Frances Joan P. Kaipat**  
Delegation Clerk

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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 Fifty-four Thousand Dollars (\$54,000.00 USD)  
3 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District. The certification of  
4 funds was prepared on December 18, 2025, by the Resident Department Head of the Department  
5 of Finance, Tinian, and has been attached as reference. This appropriation of local funds is not part  
6 of the FY 2026 Budget Act. Therefore, this local appropriation of local funds does not contravene  
7 1 CMC §7401 and 1 CMC §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 Fifty-four Thousand Dollars (\$54,000.00  
2 USD) of the revenues collected for the Second Senatorial District from the poker fees as follows:

3 (A) \$42,000.00 allocated to the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan. \$32,000.00 will be  
4 allocated for the operations, personnel, professional services, and public programs of the Mayor's  
5 office, and \$10,000.00 for the Mayor's discretionary fund.

6 (B) \$3,000.00 to the Tinian Municipal Council for public programs and office operations.

7 (C) \$4,000.00 to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for operations.

8 (D) \$5,000.00 to the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission for personnel and  
9 operations.

10 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

11 The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2 (A) and (D) shall be the Mayor of  
12 Tinian and Aguiguan. The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2 (B) shall be the  
13 Chairman of the Tinian Municipal Council. The expenditure authority for the funds under Section  
14 2 (C) shall be the Chairman of the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation.

15 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

19 **SECTION 5. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

20 The Secretary of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the sum of Fifty-  
21 Four Thousand Dollars (\$54,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the Tinian Municipal

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Treasurer for the local public purposes specified in this Act. This transfer shall not be construed to limit, diminish, or otherwise impair the constitutional or statutory authority of the Secretary of Finance to control, regulate, supervise, audit, and account for the expenditure of public funds. All funds transferred shall remain subject to Commonwealth accounting and audit requirements. The Tinian Municipal Treasurer shall submit monthly expenditure reports, with supporting documentation, to the Secretary of Finance in a form prescribed by the Department of Finance.

**SECTION 6. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

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

**SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.**

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

**SECTION 8. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

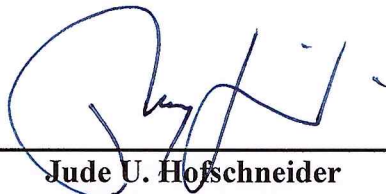
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1 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of  
2 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in  
3 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

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:**

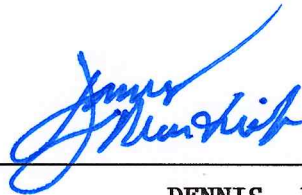


Jude U. Hofschneider  
Chairman  
Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation



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

Approved this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.



DENNIS JAMES C. MENDIOLA  
ACTING GOVERNOR  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands





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December 18, 2025

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

RE: Collection of Poker Fees on Tinian

Dear Mayor Aldan,

This is to inform you that Huang Shun Corporation made payment to the Department of Finance on Tinian in the amount of \$108,000.00 for the renewal of nine (9) poker machine licenses. Deposit dates into the CNMI Treasury account are as follows:

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| 1. September 29, 2025 | \$36,000.00 |
| 2. October 20, 2025   | \$36,000.00 |
| 3. November 26, 2025  | \$36,000.00 |

In accordance with Tinian Local Law 23-10, the annual local license fee for Tinian is \$54,000.

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

Sincerely,

  
Milissa A. Mendiola  
Resident Department Head  
Department of Finance