



GOV. COMM. 24-110
2026-005

David M. Apatang
Governor

Dennis James C. Mendiola
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

January 27, 2026

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The Honorable Jude U. Hofsneider
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

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

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



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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

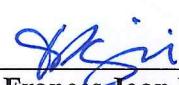
HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action on

January 16, 2026

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	1/16/26: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Del. Matters 24-48] & 20 th Tinian Municipal Council [Del. Matters 24-49]
Comments Received:	1/20/26: Mayors Comm. 24-10
Special Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	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:

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.

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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1 Treasurer for the local public purposes specified in this Act. This transfer shall not be construed
2 to limit, diminish, or otherwise impair the constitutional or statutory authority of the Secretary of
3 Finance to control, regulate, supervise, audit, and account for the expenditure of public funds. All
4 funds transferred shall remain subject to Commonwealth accounting and audit requirements. The
5 Tinian Municipal Treasurer shall submit monthly expenditure reports, with supporting
6 documentation, to the Secretary of Finance in a form prescribed by the Department of 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 responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance
10 by the end of the 2026 calendar year. Provided further that failure to provide all expenses, entities
11 that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated
12 by the 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.

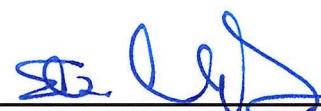
4 **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:

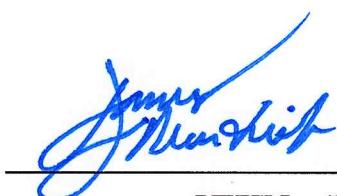


Jude U. Hofsneider
Chairman
Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
24th House of Representatives

Approved this 27th 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:

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 or (670) 433-1600/04.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Mendiola".
Milissa A. Mendiola
Resident Department Head
Department of Finance