

**TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**  
**LEGISLATURE**  
**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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SESSION, 2024

H. L. B. 23-43

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

To amend Tinian Local Law 23-7; and for other purposes.

**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 amend Tinian Local Law 23-7 to adjust the  
3   poker fee funds appropriated by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation.

4   **SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS.**

5           Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the  
6   contrary, the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation hereby amends Tinian  
7   Local Law 23-7 as follows:

8           (A)   The title is amended to read:

9                    “To appropriate \$188,903.00 ~~\$208,000.00~~ from revenues collected  
10           from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.”

1 (B) Section 1 is amended to read:

2 “SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate One Hundred  
4 Eighty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Three dollars (\$188,903.00)  
5 ~~Two Hundred Twenty Four Thousand dollars (\$208,000.00 USD)~~  
6 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial  
7 District. The certification of funds was prepared on November 29,  
8 2023, and was reviewed and confirmed by the Secretary of Finance.  
9 This appropriation of local funds is not part of the FY 2024 Budget  
10 Act. Therefore, this local appropriation of local poker fees does not  
11 contravene 1 CMC § 7401 and 1 CMC § 7204(d) or any other  
12 provision of the CNMI Budget Act.”

13 (C) Section 2 is amended to read:

14 “SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS.

15 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or  
16 regulations to the contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the  
17 Second Senatorial District from poker fees, the Tinian and Aguiguan  
18 Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates \$188,903.00  
19 ~~\$208,000.00~~ of the revenues collected for the Second Senatorial  
20 District from the poker fees as follows:

21 (A) \$102,403.00 ~~\$118,000.00~~ to the Mayor of Tinian and

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1           Aguiguan for operations, professional services and fees, and public  
2           programs.

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

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

7                   (D)   \$1,500.00 ~~\$5,000.00~~ to the Commonwealth Office of  
8           Transit Authority-Tinian.

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

11   **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

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

17   **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

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

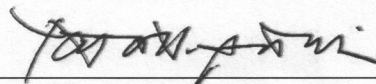
4 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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


Prefiled: 3/21/2024

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

 3/21/24  
House Legal Counsel

Project Name: LOCAL REVENUE-TINIAN POKER  
 JDE Business Unit: 3301  
 Project Ledger Project Number: RL17910018  
 General Ledger Project Number: 3301

JDE Ending Actual Balance as of 9/30/2021 (Inception)  
 FY21 Encumbrances in JDE  
 Should be Beginning Balance in FY2022 (10/01/2021)

SOF	Financial Services	Total
164,903.00	-	164,903.00
\$ 164,903.00	\$ -	\$ 164,903.00

**FY2022**

Revenue  
 JDE  
 PL  
 General Ledger

-	-	-
180,000.00	-	180,000.00
-	-	-

Expenses  
 JDE as of 09/30/2022 (Current)

Actual  
 Encumbrance  
 Project Ledger  
 Actual  
 Encumbrance

-	-	-
-	-	-
140,000.00	-	(140,000.00)
-	-	-

Ending Balance FY2022

\$ 204,903.00	\$ -	\$ 204,903.00
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**FY2023**

Revenue  
 JDE  
 Project Ledger  
 General Ledger

164,900.00	-	164,900.00
-	-	-
-	-	-

Expenses

Project Ledger  
 Actual  
 Encumbrance  
 General Ledger  
 Actual  
 Encumbrance  
 Pending Appropriations

-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
68,000.00	-	(68,000.00)

Ending Balance FY2023

\$ 300,903.00	\$ -	\$ 300,903.00
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**FY2024**

Revenue  
 JOE

12,000.00	-	12,000.00
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Expenses

Project Ledger  
 Actual  
 Encumbrance  
 General Ledger  
 Actual  
 Encumbrance  
 Pending Appropriations

-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
124,900.00	-	(124,900.00)

FY24 Remaining Balance as of 11/29/2023 \$ 188,903.00 \$ - \$ 188,903.00

Account Inquiry Total Revised Budget \$ 208,000.00

Decrease (subject for adjustment) \$ (19,097.00)

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