

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SESSION, 2026

H. L. B. 24- 39

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

To appropriate Fifty-four Thousand Dollars (\$54,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; 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 appropriate Fifty-four Thousand Dollars
3 (\$54,000.00 USD) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second
4 Senatorial District. The certification of funds was prepared on December 18, 2025
5 by the Resident Department Head of the Department of Finance, Tinian and has
6 been attached as reference. This appropriation of local funds is not part of the FY
7 2026 Budget Act. Therefore, this local appropriation of local funds does not
8 contravene 1 CMC §7401 and 1 CMC §7404(d) or any other provision of the CNMI
9 Budget Act.

10 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS.**

1 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the
2 contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the Second Senatorial District from
3 poker fees, the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates
4 Fifty-four Thousand Dollars (\$54,000.00 USD) of the revenues collected for the
5 Second Senatorial District from the poker fees as follows:

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

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

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

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

15 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

16 The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2 (A) and (D) shall be
17 the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan. The expenditure authority for the funds under
18 Section 2 (B) shall be the Chairman of the Tinian Municipal Council. The
19 expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2 (C) shall be the Chairman of
20 the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation.

1 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

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

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

12 **SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.**

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

18 **SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

19 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as
20 affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes

1 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers
2 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to
3 prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in
4 any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in
5 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.


6 **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

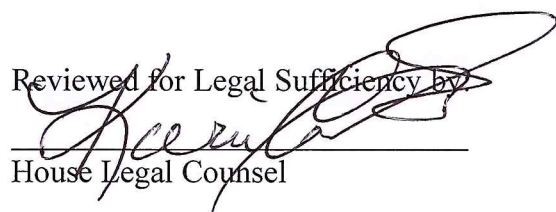
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December 18, 2025

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 or (670) 433-1600/04.

Sincerely,

Milissa A. Mendiola
Resident Department Head
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