

Arnold I. Palacios
Governor



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David M. Apatang
Lieutenant Governor

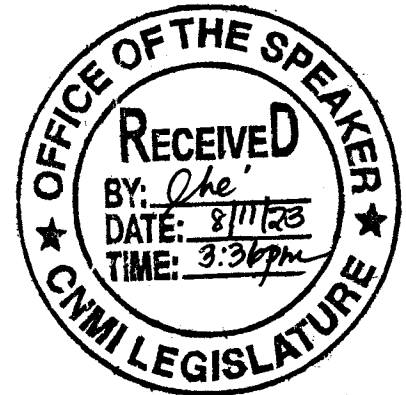
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

August 10, 2023

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The Honorable Karl R. King-Nabors
Chairman
Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950



8/11/23

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 23-13, D1** entitled, "To appropriate \$124,000.00 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes." The bill was passed unanimously by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Tinian Local Law No. 23-03**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Arnold I. Palacios in black ink.

ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Governor

HOUSE CLERK'S OFFICE
RECEIVED BY
DATE 8/14/2023 TIME 10:07a

cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision; Secretary of Finance; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan; Tinian Municipal Treasury; Programs & Legislative Review Office

08/11/2023
@3:23pm



**TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2023**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-13, D1

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

To appropriate \$124,000.00 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas

Prefiled on June 5, 2023 and Introduced on June 20, 2023

HOUSE ACTION

Referred to Ways and Means Committee on June 20, 2023
Transmitted to Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action on
July 7, 2023

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	7/10/23: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Del. Matters 23-15] & Tinian & Aguiguan Municipal Council [Del. Matters 23-16]
Comments Received:	7/20/23: Mayors Comm. 23-06
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	July 24, 2023 w/Draft 1

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Kaipat", is written over a horizontal line.

**Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk**



**TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2023

H. L. B. 23-13, D1

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

To appropriate \$124,000.00 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE FIRST 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 One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand dollars
3 (\$124,000.00 USD) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District.
4 The certification of funds was prepared on June 1, 2023 and was reviewed and confirmed by the
5 Acting Secretary of Finance.

6 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary and
8 pursuant to funds allocated to the Second Senatorial District from poker fees, the Tinian and
9 Aguiguan Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates \$124,000.00 of the revenues collected for
10 the Second Senatorial District from the poker fees as follows:

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1 (A) \$24,000.00 to the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan for discretionary account; and

2 (B) \$100,000.00 to the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission for personnel.

3 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

4 The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2 shall be the Mayor of Tinian and
5 Aguiguan.

6 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

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

11 The recipient of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be responsible to
12 report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance by the end of the 2023 calendar
13 year. Provided further that failure to provide all expenses, entities that were afforded funds under
14 this Act shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated by the Tinian & Aguiguan
15 Legislative Delegation.

16 **SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.**

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

21 **SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL 23-13, D1

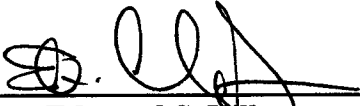
1 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing
2 right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or
3 order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
4 instituted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

7 **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**


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

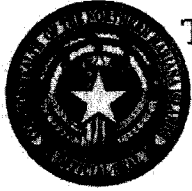
CERTIFIED BY:


Karl R. King-Nabors
Chairman
Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation


Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
23rd House of Representatives

Approved this 10th day of August, 2023.


Arnold I. Palacios
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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HSE. COMM. NO. **23-05**
(TALD)

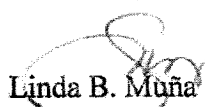
July 7, 2023

The Honorable Karl R. King-Nabors
Chairman
Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Third CNMI Legislature
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have the honor of transmitting for Delegation action, **H. L. B. No. 23-13**, entitled:
"To appropriate \$124,000.00 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.", which has met the required provision of 1 CMC Section 1403, as amended.

Sincerely yours,


Linda B. Muña
House Clerk

Attachment

Transmittal to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation

Received by: 

Date: 7/7/23 Time: 1:33 pm



TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

P.O. BOX 500586 SAIPAN, MP 96950

RALPH N. YUMUL
CHAIRMAN

Adopted - 7/7/2023
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-26
DATE: July 3, 2023
RE: House Local Bill No. 23-13

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred:

House Local Bill No. 23-13: "To appropriate \$124,000.00 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes."

begs leave to report as follows:

I. RECOMMENDATION:

After conducting financial due diligence, your committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-13 be transmitted to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action.

II. ANALYSIS:

A. Purpose:

To appropriate \$124,000.00 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District IV.

B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which House Local Bill No. 23-13: "To appropriate \$124,000.00 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes." was referred to verify and confirm that the amount specified in the local appropriation Act is accurate and available for appropriation. The Committee was provided with the Certification – Second Senatorial District Poker Fees dated June 1, 2023 from the Office of the Secretary, Department of Finance (SFL 2023-579), certifying the availability of these funds, therefore, the Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-13 be transmitted to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action. SFL 2023-579, FY2023 Local Poker Fee Collection as of 05/31/2023 Tinian and the Account Ledger Inquiry have been attached as part of this committee report.

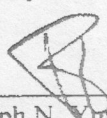
C. Legislative History:


House Local Bill 23-13 was introduced by Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas on June 20, 2023 and was subsequently referred to the House Standing Committee on Ways and Means for disposition.

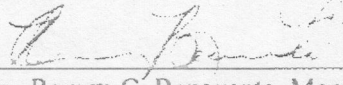
III. CONCLUSION:

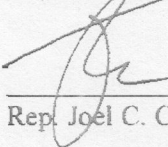
The Committee is content and confident with the certification of funds provided by the Acting Secretary of Finance with respect to House Local Bill No. 23-13, and therefore recommends that it be transmitted to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action.

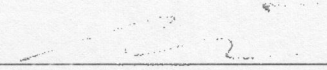
Respectfully submitted,

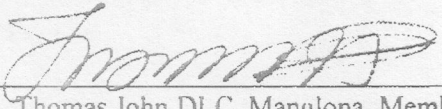

Rep. Ralph N. Yumul, Chairman


Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Vice Chair

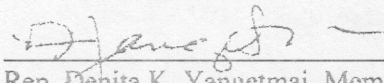

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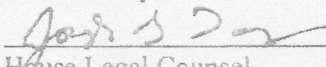

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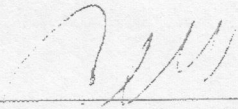

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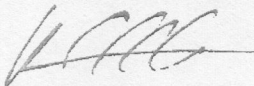
Rep. John Paul P. Sablan, Member

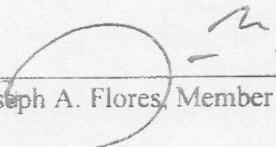

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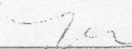
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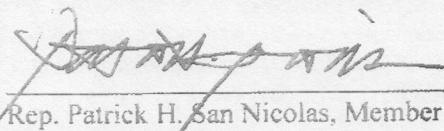

House Legal Counsel


Rep. Angelo A. Camacho, Member


Rep. Vicente C. Camacho, Member


Rep. Joseph A. Flores, Member


Rep. Julie Marie A. Ogo, Member


Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas, Member

Attachment: DOF: Certification – Second Senatorial District Poker Fees, SFL 2023-579



Office of the Secretary
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June 1, 2023

SFL 2023-579

Hon. Patrick H. San Nicolas
House of Representative
Precinct VI
23rd Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building
P.O. Box 500586
Saipan, MP 96950

Subject: Certification – Second Senatorial District Poker Fees

Dear Congressman San Nicolas,

Upon the request of your office, the Department of Finance, Office of the Secretary is providing certification of the Second Senatorial District Poker Fees Fund as of May 31, 2023, in the amount of \$124,000.00. The earmarks for e-gaming funds is considered suspended at this time based on the FY 23' Budget Act P.L. 23-04.

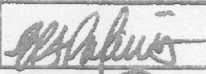
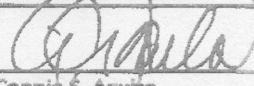
I thank you for your time and the opportunity to provide this letter. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (670) 664-1100 or email me at C.Agulto@dof.gov.mp.

Sincerely,

Connie S. Agulto
Acting Secretary of Finance

FY2023 Local Poker Fee Collections
AS OF 05/31/2023 TINIAN (3301)
 Prepared Date: 6/1/2023

Balance as of 9/30/22			68,000.00
Revenue Collections as of 10/31/22	Machines Renewed	3	12,000.00
Revenue Collections as of 11/30/22	Machines Renewed	0	-
Revenue Collections as of 12/31/22	Machines Renewed	0	-
Revenue Collections as of 01/31/23	Machines Renewed	0	-
Revenue Collections as of 2/28/23	Machines Renewed	3	12,000.00
Revenue Collections as of 3/31/23	Machines Renewed	25	100,000.00
Revenue Collections as of 4/30/23	Machines Renewed	0	-
Revenue Collections as of 5/31/23	Machines Renewed	0	-
Revenue Collections as of 6/30/23	Machines Renewed	0	-
Revenue Collections as of 7/31/23	Machines Renewed	0	-
Revenue Collections as of 8/31/23	Machines Renewed	0	-
Revenue Collections as of 9/30/23	Machines Renewed	0	-
Total Revenues			192,000.00
Less Appropriation TLL 23-01			(68,000.00)
Adjustments			-
Balance:			124,000.00

Report Done By:	
Senior Financial Analyst	Eleuterio S. Paolcios Jr.
Reviewed & Confirmed By:	
Acting Secretary of Finance	Connie S. Aguirre

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..... Account Ledger Inquiry

Account. 3301 A1620

Game of Chance

From Date/Period 10/01/22

Thru Date/Period 05/31/23

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Ledger Total					124,000.00-	
Unposted Total						

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TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 20, 2023

THIRD SPECIAL SESSION, 2023

H. L. B. 23-13

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

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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 One Hundred Twenty-Four
3 Thousand dollars (\$124,000.00 USD) from revenues collected from poker fees in
4 the Second Senatorial District. The certification of funds was prepared on June 1,
5 2023 and was reviewed and confirmed by the Acting Secretary of Finance.

6 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS.

7 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the
8 contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the Second Senatorial District from
9 poker fees, the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates

1 \$124,000.00 of the revenues collected for the Second Senatorial District from the
2 poker fees as follows:

3 (A) \$124,000.00 to the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan for personnel and
4 operations.

5 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

6 The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2 shall be the Mayor of
7 Tinian and Aguiguan.

8 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

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

13 The recipient of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be
14 responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance by
15 the end of the 2023 calendar year. Provided further that failure to provide all
16 expenses, entities that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail
17 to any future funds appropriated by the Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation.

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

11 **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Prefiled: 6/5/2023

Date: _____ Introduced by: /s/ Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

/s/ Joseph L.G. Taijeron, Jr.
Legal Counsel