



GOV. COMM: 23-103  
(HOUSE)

**Arnold I. Palacios**  
Governor

**David M. Apatang**  
Lieutenant Governor

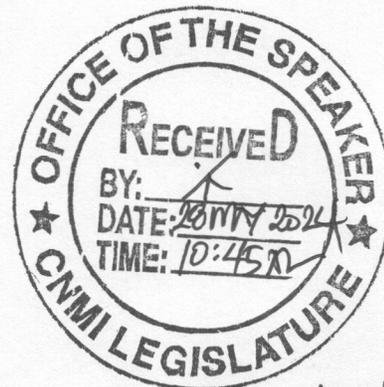
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

May 24, 2024

GOV2024-427

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



*ES* 5/28/24

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 23-51, D1** entitled, "To appropriate \$47,000.00 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. 23-12**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
**ARNOLD I. PALACIOS**

Governor

HOUSE CLERK'S OFFICE  
RECEIVED BY *[Signature]*  
DATE 5/28/24 TIME 3:25 PM

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

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Resort  
@10:13 am



**TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2024**

**HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-51, D1**

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

To appropriate \$47,000.00 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

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**OFFERED BY**

**Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas**

Prefiled on May 6, 2024 and Introduced on May 10, 2024

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**HOUSE ACTION**

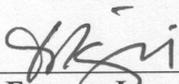
Transmitted to Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action on  
May 13, 2024

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**DELEGATION ACTION**

<b>Referred to:</b>	None
<b>Comments Solicited:</b>	5/13/24: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Del. Matters 23-57] & Tinian & Aguiguan Municipal Council [Del. Matters 23-58]
<b>Comments Received:</b>	5/16/24: Mayors Comm. 23-49
<b>Standing Committee Report:</b>	None
<b>Passed First &amp; Final Reading:</b>	May 21, 2024 w/Draft 1

  
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**Frances Joan P. Kaipat**  
Delegation Clerk



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

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**H. L. B. 23-51, D1**

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**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT  
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To appropriate \$47,000.00 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 Forty-Seven Thousand dollars (\$47,000.00 USD)  
3 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District. The certification of  
4 funds was prepared on March 11, 2024 and was reviewed and certified by the Secretary of Finance  
5 on April 23, 2024.

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 \$47,000.00 of the revenues collected for the  
10 Second Senatorial District from the poker fees as follows:

1 (A) \$32,000.00 to the Mayor of Tinian’s Discretionary Fund.

2 (B) \$3,000.00 to the Tinian Municipal Council for operations.

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

4 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

5 (A) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(A) of this Act shall be the  
6 Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan.

7 (B) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(B) shall be divided equally to  
8 the separate accounts of each member of the Tinian Municipal Council. Each  
9 Municipal Council member shall be the expenditure authority of the funds distributed  
10 to the respective separate accounts.

11 (C) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(C) of this Act shall be the  
12 Chairman of the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation.

13 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

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

18 The recipient of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be responsible to  
19 report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance by the end of the 2024 calendar  
20 year. Provided further that failure to provide all expenses, entities that were afforded funds under  
21 this Act shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated by the Tinian & Aguiguan

HOUSE LOCAL BILL 23-51, D1

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1 Legislative Delegation.

2 **SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.**

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

7 **SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

14 **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

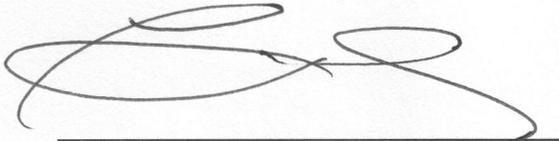
15       This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
16 without such approval.

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CERTIFIED BY:



**Karl R. King-Nabors**  
Chairman

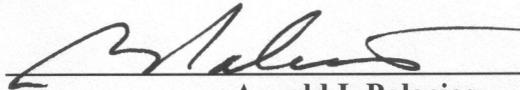
Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation



**Edmund S. Villagomez**  
Speaker

23<sup>rd</sup> House of Representatives

Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.



**Arnold I. Palacios**  
Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



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Project Name: LOCAL REVENUE - TINIAN POKER  
 JDE Business Unit: 3301  
 Project Ledger Project Number: RL17010018  
 General Ledger Project Number: 3301  
 Requested From: Rep. Patrick San Nicholas  
 Requested By: Legislature  
 Prepared on: 3/11/2024

FOR DOF USE ONLY		
YTD Budget Report		\$ 281,808.00
JDE De-Obligation of Encumbrances	Increase	Decrease
General Journal	Debit	Credit
Budget Transfers and Amendments	Increase	Decrease
Rollforward FY21 JDE Balance	164,903.00	
BUA transfer in for revenues from FY23 to FY24 as of 3.14.24	214,194.00	
BUA Transfer out for Appropriations (TLL 22-08, 23-03, and 23-04)		332,000.00
Offsetting amount		
Total	379,097.00	332,000.00
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 Bernadita C. Palacios, Director of Financial Services

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 Tracy B. Norita, Secretary of Finance