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(HOUSE)

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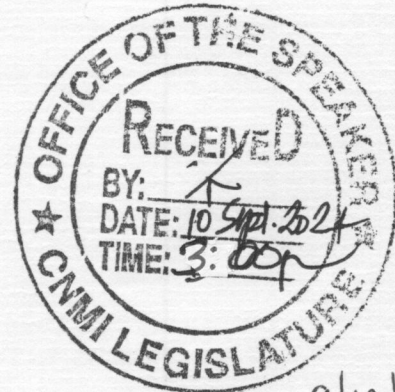
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

September 10, 2024

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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



9/10/24

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 23-53** entitled, "To amend 10 CMC §2581 (c)(3) to increase the internet gambling revenue tax; 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. 23-14**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

DAVID M. APATANG
Acting Governor

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cc: 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



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

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-53

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

To amend 10 CMC §2581(c)(3) to increase the internet gambling revenue tax; and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas
Prefiled on May 8, 2024
Introduced on May 10, 2024

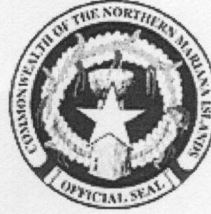
HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action on August 9, 2024

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to: None
Comments Solicited: 8/9/24: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Del. Matters 23-61] & Tinian & Aguiguan Municipal Council [Del. Matters 23-62]
Comments Received: 8/14/24: Mayors Comm. 23-53
Standing Committee Report: None
Passed First & Final Reading: August 14, 2024

Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



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

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2024

H. L. B. 23-53

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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. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2 The Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation, being the duly elected body authorized
3 through N.M.I. Const. Art. II, § 6 and the Local Law Act of 1983, specifically I CMC § 1401 et
4 seq., to enact laws that relate exclusively to local matters such as, gambling prohibition and
5 regulation, within the Second Senatorial District find that in the interest of increasing the revenue
6 generated by the Tinian gaming industry, it is lawful and necessary to amend 10 CMC § 2581
7 (c)(3) to increase the internet gambling revenue tax.

8 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.**

9 10 CMC § 2581(c)(3) is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 “(3) An internet gambling revenue tax of ~~five~~ten percent of gross internet gambling

1 revenue as provided by 1 CMC § 1402(c)(4) shall be paid each month by the licensee
2 granted an internet gaming operator license.”

3 **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

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

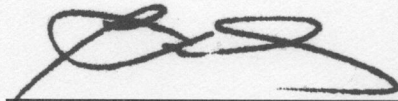
8 **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

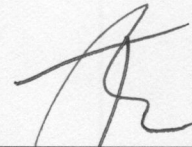
15 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:



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



Joel C. Camacho
Acting Speaker
23rd House of Representatives

Approved this 10th day of September, 2024.



David M. Apatang
Acting Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands