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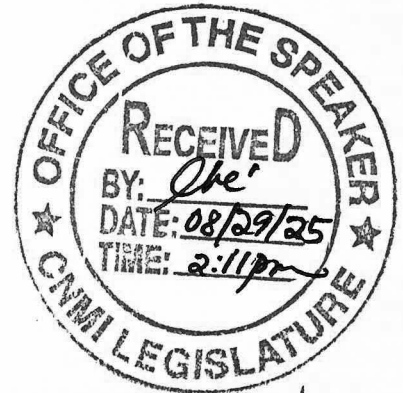
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

August 29, 2025

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The Honorable Jude U. Hofschneider
Chairman
Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

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




Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:


This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 24-20, D1**, entitled "To appropriate Forty Two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This Bill becomes **Tinian Local Law No. 24-06**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


DAVID M. APATANG
Governor

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cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision Commission;
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Tinian Municipal Treasurer; Acting Special Assistant for Administration;
Office of Programs and Legislative Review



**TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2025**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL No. 24-20, D1

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

To appropriate Forty Two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas


Introduced on July 31, 2025

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action on
July 31, 2025

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	7/31/25: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Del. Matters 24-32] & 20 th Tinian Municipal Council [Del. Matters 24-33]
Comments Received:	8/11/25: Mayors Comm. 24-05
Special Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	August 25, 2025, with Draft 1


Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



**TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
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FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2025

H. L. B. NO. 24-20, D1

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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:**

SECTION 1. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate Forty Two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000.00 USD) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District. The certification of funds was prepared on June 27, 2025, by the Resident Department Head of the Department of Finance, Tinian. This appropriation of local funds is not part of the FY 2025 Budget Act. Therefore, this local appropriation of local funds does not contravene 1CMC §7401 and 1 CMC §7404(d) or any other provision of the CNMI Budget Act.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS.

Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the Second Senatorial District from poker fees, the Tinian and

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Aguiguan Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates Forty Two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000.00 USD) of the revenues collected for the Second Senatorial District from the poker fees as follows:

(A) \$30,000.00 allocated to the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan.

\$20,000.00 will be allocated for the operations, personnel, professional services, and public programs of the Mayor's office, and

10,000.00 for the Mayor's discretionary fund;

(B) \$3,000 to the Tinian Municipal Council for public programs and office operations;

(C) \$4,000 to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for operations; and

(D) \$5,000 to the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission for personnel and operations.

SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.

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

SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.

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

SECTION 5. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.

The recipient of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be responsible to report all expenses responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance by

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1 the end of the 2025 calendar year. Provided further that failure to provide all expenses, entities
2 that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated
3 by the Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation.

4 **SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.**

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

9 **SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

16 **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

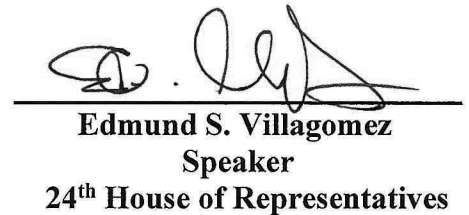
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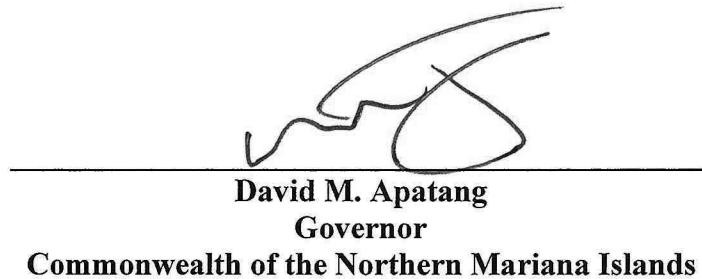
Jude U. Hofschneider
Chairman

Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
24th House of Representatives

Approved this 29th day of August, 2025.



David M. Apatang
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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June 27, 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 on June 23, 2025, Long Sheng Corporation made a payment to the Department of Finance on Tinian in the amount of \$84,000 for the renewal of seven (7) poker machine licenses. All payments have been deposited into the CNMI Treasury account on June 23, 2025.

In accordance with Tinian Local Law 23-10, the annual local license fee for Tinian would be \$42,000.

Should you require additional information in regards to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me via email ma.mendiola@dof.gov.mp or (670) 433-1600.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ma" or "mendiola".

Milissa A. Mendiola
Resident Department Head
Department of Finance