

Arnold I. Palacios
Governor



David M. Apatang
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
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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. 24-7, S1**, entitled "To appropriate \$84,000.00 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; to re-appropriate \$41,239.31 fund balances from TLL 20-06, TLL 20-09, TLL 23-02, TLL 23-09, and TLL 23-11; 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. 24-04**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Governor

cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision Commission;
Public Auditor; Secretary of Finance; Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan;
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

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider, Chairman
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz, Vice Chair

Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas, Floor Leader
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors, Legislative Secretary

May 20, 2025

The Honorable Arnold I. Palacios
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Honorable Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Palacios:

I am honored to transmit for your action **House Local Bill No. 24-7, S1**, entitled, "To appropriate \$84,000.00 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; to re-appropriate \$41,239.31 fund balances from TLL 20-06, TLL 20-09, TLL 23-02, TLL 23-09, and TLL 23-11; and for other purposes.", which was passed unanimously by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation, Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature on its First and Final Reading, a quorum duly present during its 1st Day, First Special Session held on May 16, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F. Kaipat".

Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk

Enclosure





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

HOUSE LOCAL BILL No. 24-7, S1

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

To appropriate \$84,000.00 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; to re-appropriate \$41,239.31 fund balances from TLL 20-06, TLL 20-09, TLL 23-02, TLL 23-09, and TLL 23-11; and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas

Introduced on April 24, 2025

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action on

April 25, 2025

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	4/25/25: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Del. Matters 24-21] & 20 th Tinian Municipal Council [Del. Matters 24-22]
Comments Received:	5/14/25: Mayors Comm. 24-04 & 5/13/25: TMC Comm. 24-02
Special Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	May 16, 2025 w/Substitute 1


Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



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

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2025

H. L. B. 24-7, S1

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

To appropriate \$84,000.00 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; to re-appropriate \$41,239.31 fund balances from TLL 20-06, TLL 20-09, TLL 23-02, TLL 23-09, and TLL 23-11; 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 \$84,000.00 from revenues collected from poker
3 fees in the Second Senatorial District. The certification of funds was prepared on April 15, 2025
4 by the Resident Department Head of the Department of Finance, Tinian. This appropriation of
5 local funds is not part of the FY 2025 Budget Act. Therefore, this local appropriation of local
6 funds does not contravene 1CMC §7401 and 1 CMC §7404(d) or any other provision of the CNMI
7 Budget Act.

8 This Act further aims to re-appropriate unspent fund balances under several Tinian Local
9 Laws. Pursuant to a Certification of Local Funds prepared by the Tinian Municipal Treasurer dated

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May 14, 2025, there's a combined amount of \$41,239.31 fund balances available for re-appropriation from Tinian Local Law 20-06, Section 2(a), Tinian Local Law 20-09, Section 2(n), Tinian Local Law 23-02, Section 2(c), Tinian Local Law 23-09, Sections 2(b)-(d), and Tinian Local Law 23-11, Section 2(D) for local purposes. *See* attached Certification of Local Funds.

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 Aguiguan Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates \$84,000.00 of the revenues collected for the Second Senatorial District from the poker fees as follows:

(A) \$41,286.00 to the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan for personnel, operations, public programs, and professional services;

(B) \$3,000.00 to the Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for operations;

(C) \$22,714.00 to the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission to be distributed as follows:

(1) \$13,714.00 for personnel expenses of the executive director, administrative officer III, and operations; and

(2) \$9,000.00 for the compensation of the commissioners.

(D) \$15,000.00 for the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan discretionary account; and

(E) \$2,000.00 for the Tinian Municipal Council for operations.

SECTION 3. RE-APPROPRIATION.

Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary, the

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1 Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation hereby re-appropriates fund balances in the combined
2 total amount of \$41,239.31. Of this total amount, \$1,562.12 are unspent amounts allotted under
3 Tinian Local Law 20-06, Section 2(a), \$2,277.19 are allotted under Tinian Local law 20-09,
4 Section 2(n), \$2,500.00 are unspent amounts allotted under Tinian Local Law 23-02, Section 2(c),
5 \$33,400.00 are unspent amounts allotted under Tinian Local Law 23-09, Sections (b)-(d) and
6 \$1,500.00 are unspent funds allotted under Tinian Local Law 23-11, Section 2(D). The total
7 amount of \$41,239.31 is hereby re-appropriated as follows:

8 (A) \$39,739.31 to the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan for personnel, operations, public
9 programs, and professional services; and

10 (B) \$1,500.00 to the Tinian Municipal Council for operations.

11 **SECTION 4. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

12 (A) The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2(A), (C), and (D) and Section 3(A)
13 shall be the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan.

14 (B) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(B) shall be the Chairman of
15 the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation.

16 (C) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(E) and Section 3(B) shall be
17 the Chairman of the Tinian & Aguiguan Municipal Council.

18 **SECTION 5. REPROGRAMMING.**

19 Funds appropriated under this Act may be reprogrammed for any other purpose and
20 notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under this Act shall be without fiscal
21 year limitation(s).

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SECTION 6. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.

The recipient of the funds allocated under Section 2 and 3 of this Act shall be responsible to report all expenses responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance by the end of the 2025 calendar year. Provided further that failure to provide all expenses, entities that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated by the Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.

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

SECTION 8. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

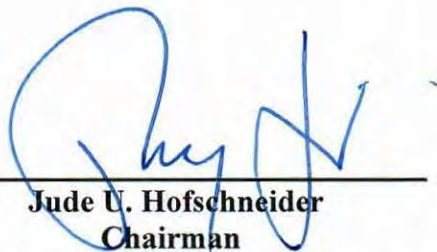
This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under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

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SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.

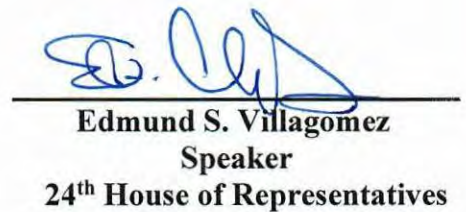
This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon it becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:



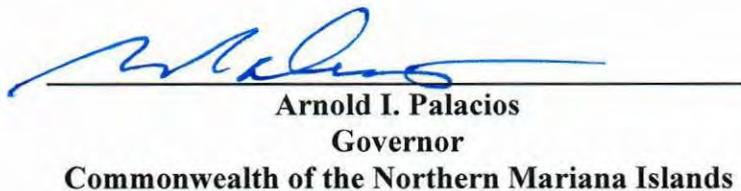
Jude U. Hofschneider
Chairman

Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
24th House of Representatives

Approved this 6th day of June, 2025.



Arnold I. Palacios
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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April 15, 2025

Hon. Edwin P. Aldan
Mayor
Municipality of Tinian & Aguiguan
Tinian MP 96952

RE: Collection of Poker Fees on Tinian

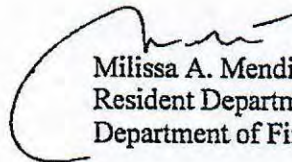
Dear Mayor Aldan,

This is to inform you that on March 28, 2025, K-Amusement made a payment to the Department of Finance on Tinian in the amount of \$168,000 for the renewal of fourteen (14) poker machine licenses. All payments have been deposited into the CNMI Treasury account on March 28, 2025.

In accordance with Tinian Local Law 23-10, the annual local license fee for Tinian would be \$84,000.

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,


Milissa A. Mendiola
Resident Department Head
Department of Finance

Office of the Tinian Municipal Treasurer (TALD)*Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**P.O. Box 520485 Tinian, MP 96952**Tel. No.: (670) 433-2272 • Fax No.: (670) 433-6082*

Maria Barbara C. Borja
Municipal Treasurer

Edwin P. Aldan
Mayor

DATE : May 14, 2025

TO : Honorable Jude U. Hofschneider
Chairman, Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation

FROM : Municipal Treasurer

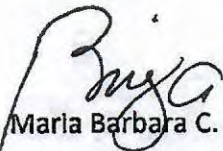
SUBJECT : Certification of Local Funds

This is to certify that the following unused local funds, totaling \$41,239.31, are available for re-appropriation.

• T.L.L. 20-09,S2(n)	Cancer, HIV, AIDS, & Diabetes Illness Coalition (CHADIC)	\$ 2,277.19
• T.L.L. 23-02,S2(c)	Tinian Athletic Sports Association (TASA)	\$ 2,500.00
• T.L.L. 23-09,S2(b)	Youth Center Tennis Court Resurfacing	\$10,000.00
• T.L.L. 23-09,S2(c)	Slaughterhouse Generator, Slab & Installation	\$15,000.00
• T.L.L. 23-09,S2(d)	San Jose Village Cemetery Storage	\$ 8,400.00
• T.L.L. 23-11,S2(D)	Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA)	\$ 1,500.00
• T.L.L. 20-06,S2(a)	Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA)	\$ 1,562.12

For additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (670) 433-2275.

Sincerely,



Maria Barbara C. Borja

cc: Mayor Edwin P. Aldan
Senator Karl K. Nabors
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz
Congressman Patrick H. San Nicolas

