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Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Francisco Q. Cruz
Chairman, Tinian and Aguiguan
Legislation Delegation
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Second 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. 22-21, D1** entitled, "To appropriate \$1,000,000.00 of the Casino License Fees collected for the Second Senatorial District pursuant to Public law 20-10; and for other purposes." The bill was passed by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Tinian Local Law No. 22-06**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,



RALPH DLG. TORRES

cc: Lt. Governor; President of the Senate; Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; Secretary of Finance; Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan; Tinian Municipal Treasury; Chairman, Tinian Municipal Council; Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission; Commonwealth Law Revision; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs & Legislative Review



TINIAN & AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Second Senatorial District

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Saipan, MP 96950

Senator Francisco Q. Cruz, Chairman
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors, Floor Leader

Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas, Vice Chair
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider, Legislative Secretary

September 21, 2021

The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Torres:

I am honored to transmit for your action **House Local Bill No. 22-21, D1**, entitled, "To appropriate \$1,000,000.00 of the Casino License Fees collected for the Second Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-10; and for other purposes.", which was passed unanimously by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation, Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature on First and Final Reading, a quorum duly present during its Second Day, Second Regular Session held on September 20, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,


Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk

Enclosure



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

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2021

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 22-21, D1

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

To appropriate \$1,000,000.00 of the Casino License Fees collected for the Second Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-10; and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas

on August 31, 2021

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action on

September 1, 2021

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	9/1/21: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Del. Matters 22-34] & Tinian & Aguiguan Municipal Council [Del. Matters 22-35]
Comments Received:	9/13/21: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Mayors Comm. 22-4] 9/16/21: Chairperson, 18 th TAMC [TAMC Comm. No. 22-3]
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	September 20, 2021 [as Draft 1]

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frances Joan P. Kaipat".

**Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk**



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

To appropriate \$1,000,000.00 of the Casino License Fees collected for the Second Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-10; 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 \$1,000,000.00 collected for the Second
3 Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-10.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

5 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary
6 and pursuant to funds allocated to the Second Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-10
7 \$1,000,000.00 shall be appropriated as follows:

8 (a) \$30,000 to the COTA Tinian for operations;

9 (b) \$400,000 to the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) for
10 personnel in the amount of \$350,000 and \$50,000 for operations until the funds are depleted
11 based on the TCGCC Budget for FY 2022 set forth in Misc. Comm. 22-11;

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1 (c) \$60,000 for the Supplemental Medical Assistance Program under the Office of
2 the Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan;

3 (d) \$40,000 for the Displaced Medical Assistance Program under the Office of the
4 Mayor and Tinian & Aguiguan for permanently displaced Tinian residents residing on Saipan
5 for medical treatment or services pursuant to the Inter-Island Medical Referral Program; and

6 (e) \$470,000 to the Office of the Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan as follows:

7 (1) \$50,000 for the Mayor's discretionary fund; and

8 (2) \$420,000 for personnel, operations, professional services, public programs of
9 the Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan and the Office of the Tinian Municipal
10 Treasurer.

11 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

12 (a) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(b) – (e) in this Act shall be
13 the Mayor of Tinian.

14 (b) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(a) of this Act shall be the
15 Chairman of the Tinian Municipal Council.

16 **SECTION 4. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

17 The Secretary of Finance shall regulate and control the expenditure of the funds
18 appropriated by this Act to ensure that appropriated funds are not expended contrary to the law,
19 fiscal management policies, and practices of the Commonwealth.

20 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

21 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or
22 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this
23 Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it

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1 is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

2 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

9 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:



Francisco Q. Cruz
Chairman
Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
House of Representatives

Approved this 6th day of October, 2021.



Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands