

**TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**  
**LEGISLATURE**  
**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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SESSION, 2026

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

To appropriate One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand dollars (\$156,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District to respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku; 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 One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand  
3 dollars (\$156,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second  
4 Senatorial District to respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery  
5 initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku. The certification of funds  
6 was prepared on March 13, 2026 and April 10, 2026 by the Acting Resident  
7 Department Head of the Department of Finance, Tinian and is attached for  
8 reference. This appropriation of local funds is not part of the FY 2026 Budget Act.  
9 Therefore, this local appropriation of local funds does not contravene 1 CMC §7401

1 and 1 CMC §7404(d) or any other provision of the CNMI Budget Act.

2 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS.**

3 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the  
4 contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the Second Senatorial District from  
5 poker fees, the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates  
6 One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand dollars (\$156,000.00) of the revenues collected  
7 for the Second Senatorial District from the poker fees as follows:

8 (A) \$156,000.00 shall be allocated to the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and  
9 Aguiguan. Funds will be allocated for operations, personnel, and public programs  
10 to respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in  
11 the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku.

12 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

13 The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2 (A) shall be the Mayor  
14 of Tinian and Aguiguan.

15 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

19 **SECTION 5. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

1           The Secretary of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the  
2 sum of One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand dollars (\$156,000.00), or so much thereof  
3 as may be necessary, to the Tinian Municipal Treasurer for the local public  
4 purposes specified in this Act. This transfer shall not be construed to limit,  
5 diminish, or otherwise impair the constitutional or statutory authority of the  
6 Secretary of Finance to control, regulate, supervise, audit, and account for the  
7 expenditure of public funds. All funds transferred shall remain subject to  
8 Commonwealth accounting and audit requirements. The Tinian Municipal  
9 Treasurer shall submit monthly expenditure reports, with supporting  
10 documentation, to the Secretary of Finance in a form prescribed by the Department  
11 of Finance.

12 **SECTION 6. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

13           The recipient of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be  
14 responsible to report all expenses responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary  
15 of the Department of Finance by the end of the 2026 calendar year. Provided further  
16 that failure to provide all expenses, entities that were afforded funds under this Act  
17 shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated by the Tinian & Aguiguan  
18 Legislative Delegation.

19 **SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.**

20           If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any

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

5 **SECTION 8. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

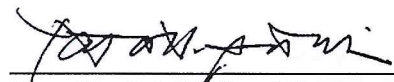
13 **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Prefiled: 04.21.2024

Date:

Introduced by:

  
Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas

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Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

  
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House Legal Counsel

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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March 13, 2026

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 Huang Shun Corporation made a \$36,000.00 payment for the renewal of three (3) poker machine licenses, and Long Sheng Corporation made a payment in the amount of 132,000.00 for eleven (11) poker machine licenses. Deposit dates into the CNMI Treasury account are as follows:

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| 1. February 25, 2026 | \$ 36,000.00 |
| 2. March 10, 2026    | \$132,000.00 |

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

Should you require additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [r.lazaro@dof.gov.mp](mailto:r.lazaro@dof.gov.mp) or by phone at (670) 433-1600/04/10.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Lazaro  
Acting Resident Department Head  
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April 10, 2026

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 K - Amusement made a \$144,000.00 payment for the renewal of twelve (12) poker machine licenses. Deposit dates into the CNMI Treasury account are as follows:

1. April 02, 2026	\$144,000.00
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In accordance with Tinian Local Law 23-10, the local license fee for Tinian is \$72,000.

Should you require additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [r.lazaro@dof.gov.mp](mailto:r.lazaro@dof.gov.mp) or by phone at (670) 433-1600/04/10.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Lazaro  
Acting Resident Department Head  
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cc: Jude U. Hofschneider, Senator, 2<sup>4th</sup> CNMI Legislature