

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SESSION, 2026

H. L. B. 24- 61

**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; 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 Forty-two thousand dollars
3 (\$42,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial
4 District. The certification of funds was prepared on August 6, 2026 by the Acting
5 Resident Department Head of the Department of Finance, Tinian and has been
6 attached as reference. This appropriation of local funds is not part of the FY 2026
7 Budget Act. Therefore, this local appropriation of local funds does not contravene
8 1 CMC §7401 and 1 CMC §7404(d) or any other provision of the CNMI Budget
9 Act.

10 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

1 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the
2 contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the Second Senatorial District from
3 poker fees, the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates
4 Forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00) of the revenues collected for the Second
5 Senatorial District from the poker fees as follows:

6 (A) \$42,000.00 shall be allocated to the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and
7 Aguiguan. Funds will be allocated for operations, personnel, and public programs.

8 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

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

11 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

15 **SECTION 5. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

16 The Secretary of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the
17 sum of Forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00), or so much thereof as may be
18 necessary, to the Tinian Municipal Treasurer for the local public purposes specified
19 in this Act. This transfer shall not be construed to limit, diminish, or otherwise
20 impair the constitutional or statutory authority of the Secretary of Finance to

1 control, regulate, supervise, audit, and account for the expenditure of public funds.
2 All funds transferred shall remain subject to Commonwealth accounting and audit
3 requirements. The Tinian Municipal Treasurer shall submit monthly expenditure
4 reports, with supporting documentation, to the Secretary of Finance in a form
5 prescribed by the Department of Finance.

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

7 The recipient of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be
8 responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance by
9 the end of the 2026 calendar year. Provided further that failure to provide all
10 expenses reports as required, entities that were afforded funds under this Act shall
11 not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated by the Tinian & Aguiguan
12 Legislative Delegation.

13 **SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.**

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

19 **SECTION 8. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

20 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as

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

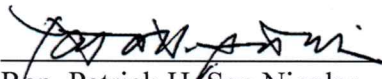
7 **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

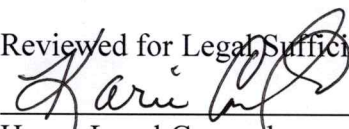
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Introduced by:


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Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:


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August 6, 2026

Honorable Edwin P. Aldan
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Municipality of Tinian & Aguiguan
Tinian, MP 96952

RE: Collection of Poker Fees on Tinian

Hafa Adai Mayor Aldan,

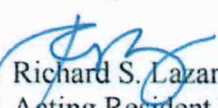
This is to inform you that Long Shen Corporation made a \$84,000 payment for the renewal of seven (7) poker machine licenses. Deposit dates into the CNMI Treasury account are as follows:

1. August 05, 2026	\$84,000.00
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In accordance with Tinian Local Law 23-10, the local license fee for Tinian is \$42,000.

Should you require additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at 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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