

David M. Apatang  
Governor



GOV. COMM. 24-82  
(HOUSE)

Dennis James C. Mendiola  
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

November 24, 2025

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. 24-31, D1**, entitled "To appropriate Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) for the personnel and operations of the Tinian Casino Gaming Commission and other needs of the municipality.", 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. 24-08**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

  
**DAVID M. APATANG**  
Governor

TO: THE CLERK'S OFFICE  
RECEIVED BY: [signature]  
DATE: 11-26-2025 TIME: 16:30

  
**RECEIVED**  
11/24/2025  
@3:25 pm

cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision Commission;  
Special Assistant for Administration; Public Auditor; Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan;  
Tinian Municipal Treasurer; TCGCC; 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. 24-31, D1**

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

To appropriate Twelve thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) for the personnel and operations of the Tinian Casino Gaming Commission and other needs of the municipality.

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**OFFERED BY**

**Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas**

Introduced on October 9, 2025

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**HOUSE ACTION**

Transmitted to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action on  
October 9, 2025


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**DELEGATION ACTION**

<b>Referred to:</b>	None
<b>Comments Solicited:</b>	10/14/25: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Del. Matters 24-39] & 20 <sup>th</sup> Tinian Municipal Council [Del. Matters 24-40]
<b>Comments Received:</b>	10/21/25: Mayors Comm. 24-08
<b>Special Committee Report:</b>	None
<b>Passed First &amp; Final Reading:</b>	November 14, 2025, w/Draft 1

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**Frances Joan P. Kaipat**  
Delegation Clerk



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**H. L. B. NO. 24-31, D1**

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To appropriate Twelve thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) for the personnel and operations of the Tinian Casino Gaming Commission and other needs of the municipality.

**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, pursuant to 10 CMC § 2581, Twelve Thousand  
3 Five Hundred dollars (\$12,500.00 USD) of local revenue for the personnel and operations of the  
4 Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission and other needs of the municipality. The certification  
5 of funds was prepared on September 26, 2025, and was reviewed and confirmed by the Tinian  
6 Municipal Treasurer.

7 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS.**

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



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1 Aguiguan Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates the amount of \$12,500.00 of the revenues  
2 collected for the Second Senatorial District as follows:

3 (a) \$2,500.00 for the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan discretionary account;

4 (b) \$2,500.00 for the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan operations; and

5 (c) \$7,500.00 for the operations and personnel of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control  
6 Commission.

7 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

8 The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2 shall be the Mayor of Tinian and  
9 Aguiguan.

10 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

14 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

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

19 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

20 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing  
21 right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or


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

5 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**


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

**CERTIFIED BY:**

  
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**Jude U. Hofschneider**  
**Chairman**  
Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation

  
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**Edmund S. Villagomez**  
**Speaker**  
**24<sup>th</sup> House of Representatives**

Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

  
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**David M. Apatang**  
**Governor**  
**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**

**Office of the Tinian Municipal Treasurer**

Maria Barbara C. Borja  
Municipal Treasurer

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*Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*  
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Edwin P. Alden  
Mayor

**DATE** : September 26, 2025

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

**FROM** : Tinian Municipal Treasurer

**SUBJECT** : Certification of Local Funds

This is to certify that the following local funds, for \$12,500.00, are available at the Tinian Municipal Treasury for appropriation.

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| 1. Casino Service Industry Fees (FY 2026) | \$1,500.00  |
| • Matsui Asia Limited                     | \$ 500.00   |
| • Clear Management Limited                | \$ 500.00   |
| • IGT Asia PTE Limited                    | \$ 500.00   |
| 2. Lapses from FY 2025                    | \$11,000.00 |

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

Sincerely,



Maria Barbara C. Borja

cc: Mayor Edwin P. Alden  
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors  
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz  
Congressman Patrick H. San Nicolas