

**Arnold I. Palacios**  
Governor



**David M. Apatang**  
Lieutenant Governor

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

**11 DEC 2024**

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The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan  
Chairman  
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third 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. 23-68**, entitled "To appropriate \$205,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to 10 CMC § 3841; and for other purposes.," which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This Bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 23-23**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

  
**ARNOLD I. PALACIOS**  
Governor

cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision;  
Public Auditor; Secretary of Finance; Acting Special Assistant for Administration;  
Programs and Legislative Review Office



SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
Third Senatorial District  
*Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature*

**Rep. John Paul P. Sablan, Chairman • Rep. Roman C. Benavente, Vice Chair • Sen. Celina R. Babauta, Floor Leader**

November 27, 2024

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. 23-68**, entitled:

**“To appropriate \$205,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to 10 CMC § 3841; and for other purposes.”**

The local bill was passed unanimously by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature on First and Final Reading, a quorum duly present during its 2<sup>nd</sup> Day, Fourth Regular Session held on November 27, 2024.

Sincerely,

  
Frances Joan P. Kaipat  
Delegation Clerk

Enclosure





**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 2024**

**HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-68**

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

To appropriate \$205,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to 10 CMC § 3841; and for other purposes.

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**OFFERED BY**

Representatives Ralph N. Yumul and Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao

**Introduced on November 22, 2024**

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**HOUSE ACTION**

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on  
**November 22, 2024**


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**DELEGATION ACTION**

<b>Referred to:</b>	None
<b>Comments Solicited:</b>	11/22/24 Mayor of Saipan [Del. Matters 23-96] Mayor of Northern Islands [Del. Matters 23-97] 17 <sup>th</sup> SNIMC [Del. Matters 23-98]]
<b>Comments Received:</b>	None
<b>Standing Committee Report:</b>	None
<b>Passed First &amp; Final Reading:</b>	November 22, 2024

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**Frances Joan P. Kaipat**  
Delegation Clerk



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 2024**

**H. L. B. NO. 23-68**

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

To appropriate \$205,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to 10 CMC § 3841; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD 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 local funds from the revenues collected for the Third  
3 Senatorial District pursuant to Saipan Local Law 22-06.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

5       Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary and  
6 pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the Saipan and Northern Islands  
7 Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates \$205,000.00 of the revenues collected for the  
8 Third Senatorial District pursuant to 10 CMC § 3841 as follows:

- 9       (a) \$120,000.00 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for its operations under  
10       the expenditure authority of the Chairperson of the Delegation or his/her designee; and

1 (b) \$10,000.00 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for but not limited to  
2 various projects within Precinct III under the expenditure authority of the Chairperson of the  
3 Delegation or his/her designee; and

4 (c) \$75,000.00 for the Department of Public Safety for its operations under the expenditure authority  
5 of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety

6 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

7 Funds appropriated under this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose and  
8 notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under this Act shall be without fiscal  
9 year limitation.

10 **SECTION 4. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

11 Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be responsible to report  
12 all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance by the end of the 2025 calendar year.  
13 Provided further that failure to provide all expenses, entities (Government, non-profits entities,  
14 etc... excluding specific projects) that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail  
15 to any future funds appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

16 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

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

21 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

22 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing

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

6 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**CERTIFIED BY:**



**John Paul P. Sablan**  
Chairman  
Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



**Edmund S. Villagomez**  
Speaker  
23<sup>rd</sup> House of Representatives

Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.



**Arnold I. Palacios**  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



# Office of the Secretary

## Department of Finance



Funding Source:	1 CMC § 1402 (c)(4)	JDE BU:	N/A
Project Name:	SLL 22-13 E-GAMING (fmr. SLL 22-06)	Project Ledger:	7169F
Requestor:	John Paul Sablan	General Ledger:	7169F
Expenditure Authority	SNILD Chairperson	Certification Level:	2
Prepared on:	11/19/2024		

JDE	PROJECT LEDGER	GENERAL LEDGER	TOTAL
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**FY 2023 Reference FC163** Ending Balance FY2023 \$ 652,000.00

<b>FY 2024</b>					<b>FY 2024</b>
Transfers In		\$ 320,000.00	\$	320,000.00	
Transfers Out SLL 23-13		\$ 600,000.00	\$	(600,000.00)	
Transfers Out SLL 23-19		\$ 273,000.00	\$	(273,000.00)	
Actuals			\$	-	
Encumbrance			\$	-	
Requisitions			\$	-	
Ending Balance FY2024					\$ <u>99,000.00</u>

<b>FY 2025</b>					<b>FY 2025</b>
Transfers In		\$ 142,000.00	\$	142,000.00	
Transfers Out			\$	-	
Actuals			\$	-	
Encumbrance			\$	-	
Requisitions			\$	-	
Ending Balance FY2025					\$ <u>241,000.00</u>

<b>Certified Balance as of</b>	<b>10/31/24</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>241,000.00</b>
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**NOTES:** Former SLL 22-06 and then amended with new fee structure from SLL 22-13.