



**Arnold I. Palacios**  
Governor

**David M. Apatang**  
Lieutenant Governor

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

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The Honorable Karl R. King-Nabors  
Chairman  
Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation  
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. 23-33** entitled, "To increase the local license fee for pachinko slot machines and poker machines in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes." The bill was passed unanimously by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Tinian Local Law No. 23-10**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

  
**ARNOLD I. PALACIOS**  
Governor

cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision; Secretary of Finance; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan; Tinian Municipal Treasury; Programs & Legislative Review Office



**TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION**  
**Second Senatorial District**  
*Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature*

**Senator Karl R. King-Nabors, Chairman**  
**Senator Jude U. Hofschneider, Vice Chair**

**Senator Francisco Q. Cruz, Floor Leader**  
**Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas, Legislative Secretary**

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March 1, 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. 23-33**, entitled, "To increase the local license fee for pachinko slot machines and poker machines in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.", which was passed unanimously by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation, Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature on its First and Final Reading, a quorum duly present during its 1<sup>st</sup> Day, Third Regular Session held on February 28, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Frances Joan P. Kaipat  
Delegation Clerk

Enclosure





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

**THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2024**

**HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-33**

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

To increase the local license fee for pachinko slot machines and poker machines in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

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**OFFERED BY**

**Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas**

Prefiled on December 21, 2023 and Introduced on December 27, 2023

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**HOUSE ACTION**

Transmitted to Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action on  
February 1, 2024


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**DELEGATION ACTION**

<b>Referred to:</b>	None
<b>Comments Solicited:</b>	2/8/24: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Del. Matters 23-35] & Tinian & Aguiguan Municipal Council [Del. Matters 23-36]
<b>Comments Received:</b>	2/13/24: Mayors Comm. 23-27
<b>Standing Committee Report:</b>	None
<b>Passed First &amp; Final Reading:</b>	February 28, 2024

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**Frances Joan P. Kaipat**  
Delegation Clerk





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

**THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2024**

**H. L. B. 23-33**

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

To increase the local license fee for pachinko slot machines and poker machines in the Second Senatorial District; 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 amend 10 CMC §2171 to increase the current annual local  
3 license fee of \$4,000.00 to \$6,000.00 for each pachinko slot machine licensed under 4 CMC §  
4 1503 (a)(5) and for each poker machine licensed under 4 CMC§ 1503 (a)(2) within the Second  
5 Senatorial District.

6 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.**

7 10 CMC § 2471 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 **“§ 2471. Second Senatorial District: Pachinko Slot and Poker Machines Annual Local**  
9 **License Fees.**

10 Pursuant to 4 CMC § 1503 and 1 CMC §1402 (c)(5), there is established an annual local

1 license fee of ~~\$4,000~~ \$6,000 for each poker machine license under 4 CMC §1503(a)(2) and for  
2 each pachinko slot machine under 4 CMC §1503(a)(5).”

3 **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

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

8 **SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

15 **SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:



**Karl R. King-Nabors**  
**Chairman**  
Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation



**Joel C. Camacho**  
**Acting Speaker**  
23<sup>rd</sup> House of Representatives

Approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.



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