

**RALPH DLG. TORRES**  
Governor



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

**25 JUL 2022**

The Honorable Vinnie F. Sablan  
Chairman  
Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation  
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez  
Speaker  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Second 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. 22-28**, S1, D1 entitled, "To amend Saipan Local Law 22-6, Section 101(a) to restructure the local license fee imposed on all poker amusement machines located within e-gaming facilities or hotels and electronic gaming devices as defined in Title 6 section 3154 (a)(4) and 6 CMC § 3156(b), located within the Third Senatorial District." which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 22-13**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph Dlg. Torres", written over a circular stamp or seal.

**RALPH DLG. TORRES**  
Governor

cc: Acting Press Secretary; Attorney General's office; CNMI Law Revision; Secretary of Finance; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs & Legislative Review



**Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation**

**Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature**

**Third Senatorial District**

**P.O. Box 500129**

**Saipan, MP 9695**

**Senator Vinnie F. Sablan, Chairman • Representative John Paul P. Sablan, Vice Chair • Representative Sheila J. Babauta, Floor Leader**

June 30, 2022

The Honorable Jude U. Hofschneider  
Acting Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Honorable Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building  
Capitol Hill  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Acting Governor Hofschneider:

I am honored to transmit for your action **House Local Bill No. 22-28, Substitute 1, Draft 1**, entitled:

**“To amend Saipan Local Law 22-6, Section 101(a) to restructure the local license fee imposed on all poker amusement machines located within e-gaming facilities or hotels and electronic gaming devices as defined in Title 6 section 3154 (a)(4) and 6 CMC § 3156(b), located within the Third Senatorial District.”**

The local bill was passed unanimously by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature on First and Final Reading, a quorum duly present during its First Day, Second Special Session held on June 29, 2022.

Sincerely,

  
Frances Joan P. Kaipat  
Delegation Clerk

Enclosure





**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2022**

**HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 22-28, S1, D1**

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FOR THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

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**Offered by Representative(s):**

Ralph N. Yumul

Prefiled on January 16, 2021 and Introduced on December 20, 2021

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**HOUSE ACTION**

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on


February 23, 2022

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**DELEGATION ACTION**

Referred To	: 03/25/2022 - SNILD Gaming Committee
Comments Solicited	: 02/23/2022 – DM 22-89 Mayor Apatang DM 22-90 Mayor Santos DM 22-91 Chairperson, 16 <sup>th</sup> SNIMC
Comments Received	: 03/09/2022 – Mayors Comm. 22-34 03/14/2022 – Mayors Comm. 22-36
Standing Committee Report	: 22-21 (Adopted 06/29/22)
Passed First & Final Reading	: June 29, 2022 (w/ S1, D1)

  
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Frances Joan D. Kaipat  
Delegation Clerk



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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2           The purpose of this Act is to amend Saipan Local Law 22-6. The Delegation finds  
3 that by structuring the license fee as a flat fee, the collection of more revenue without  
4 overburdening the e-gaming business is possible.

5           The Delegation further finds that the amendment to Saipan Local Law 22-6 should  
6 be retroactive in its application to August 02, 2021, the date when Saipan Local Law 22-6  
7 became effective, so that there will be a uniform application of the amounts due under  
8 Saipan Local Law 22-6 both before and after its amendment.

9 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.**

1 Section 101(a) of Saipan Local Law 22-6 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 **“101. Local License fee(s) for gaming devices.**

3 (a) Local license fee(s) for electronic gaming devices. There is hereby  
4 imposed, pursuant to 1 CMC § 1402(c)(4), an annual local license fee  
5 on all poker amusement machines located within e-gaming facilities or  
6 hotels, electronic gaming machines, or electronic table games as defined  
7 in 6 CMC § 3154 (a)(4), and also on such machines and games situated  
8 in a hotel pursuant to 6 CMC § 3156(b), within the Third Senatorial  
9 District, equal to \$2,000.00 per machine.”

10 **SECTION 3. ASSESSMENT.**

11 Upon enactment, retroactive payment shall be assessed for license fees that would  
12 have accrued from the date of enactment of SLL 22-6 to the date of enactment of this bill  
13 at the rate provided for in this legislation.

14 **SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.**

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

19 **SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

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

5 **SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**CERTIFIED BY:**

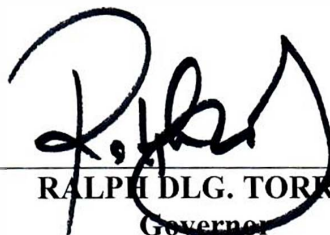


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**VINNIE F. SABLAN**  
Chairman  
Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



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**EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ**  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

Approved on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.



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**RALPH DLG. TORRES**  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands