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I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 71 (LS), "AN ACT TO *AMEND* SECTION 25(a) OF PART II, CHAPTER V OF PUBLIC LAW 29-113; TO *ADD* A NEW SECTION 25(j) TO PART II, CHAPTER V OF PUBLIC LAW 29-113; TO REAPPROPRIATE UNEXPENDED SUMS, AS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 25(a) OF PART II, CHAPTER V OF PUBLIC LAW 29-19; AND TO *REAPPROPRIATE* UNEXPENDED SUMS, AS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 18 OF PART II, CHAPTER IV OF PUBLIC LAW 28-150, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO THE GUAM VISITORS BUREAU IN ITS USE OF APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED BY *I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*,"** was on the 3rd day of April, 2009, duly and regularly passed.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.
Speaker

Attested:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this 6 day of April, 2009, at 4:45 o'clock P.M.

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FELIX P. CAMACHO
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As amended.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Statement. In recent years, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* has for various reasons placed restrictions on sums appropriated from the Tourist

Attraction Fund to the Guam Visitors Bureau. While these restrictions are intended to preserve the integrity and proper use of tourism marketing dollars obtained through receipts from the Monthly Excise Tax of Occupancy of Hotel and Similar Lodging House Facilities, recent economic events, including, the global financial market meltdown, has negatively impacted visitor arrivals. The Bureau's dependence on volatile collections deposited into the Tourist Attraction Fund and the infrequency of cash allotments for appropriations approved by *I Liheslatura* to the Bureau has severely impacted the bureau's ability to carry out its purpose outlined in §9104, Chapter 9, Title 12, Guam Code Annotated.

It is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to assist the Guam Visitors Bureau in its ability to procure necessary services related to its marketing mission by providing greater flexibility in the statutes governing its current and previous appropriations from the Tourist Attraction Fund.

Section 2. Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation to the Guam Visitors Bureau. Section 25 (a) of Part II, Chapter V of Public Law 29-113 is *amended* to read:

"**Section 25. (a) Appropriations to the Guam Visitors Bureau.** The sum of Twelve Million One Hundred Ninety-six Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-five Dollars ($12,196,595) is appropriated from the Tourist Attraction Fund (TAF) to the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) for the items and the indicated sums listed as follows:

(1)	General Administration	$2,137,197
(2)	Marketing	$8,095,133
(3)	Printing, Promotional	$ 238,875
(4)	Research	$ 375,000
(5)	Destination Development	$1,350,390

Notwithstanding the general provisions of §30107.1, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated and this Act, these appropriations *shall* continue to be available until expended."

Section 3. Guam Visitors Bureau Transfer Authority for Fiscal Year 2009. A new Section 25(j) is *added* to Part II, Chapter V of Public Law 29-113 to read:

"**(j) Guam Visitors Bureau Transfer Authority.** The Guam Visitors Bureau Board of Directors may exercise limited transfer authority over the appropriation in Subsection (a) in that transfers may be made between items of appropriation listed in Subsection (a), except that *no* transfers *shall* be made into *or* out of the General Administration item."

Section 4. Re-appropriation of Fiscal Year 2008 Funds. Notwithstanding the general provisions of §30107.1, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated and this Act, such unexpended sums, as previously authorized in Section 25 (a) of Part II, Chapter V of Public Law 29-19, are hereby re-appropriated from the Tourist Attraction Fund to the Guam Visitors Bureau for the purposes of the Guam Visitors Bureau's operations. The funds authorized herein *shall* be specifically used for purposes determined by the Guam Visitors Bureau Board of Directors, *except* that such sums *shall not* be used for personnel services *or* for any other project of the government of Guam that is *not* initiated *or* administered by the Guam Visitors Bureau. This appropriation *shall not* validate any agreement entered into by officers of the government of Guam prior to the enactment of this Act.

Section 5. Re-appropriation of Fiscal Year 2007 Funds. Notwithstanding the general provisions of §30107.1, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, and this Act, such unexpended sums, as previously authorized in

Section 18 of Part II, Chapter IV of Public Law 28-150, are hereby re-appropriated from the Tourist Attraction Fund to the Guam Visitors Bureau for the purposes of the Guam Visitors Bureau's operations. The funds authorized herein *shall* be reprogrammed and specifically used for purposes determined by the Guam Visitors Bureau Board of Directors, *except* that such sums shall *not* be used for personnel services *or* for any project of the government of Guam that is *not* initiated *or* administered by the Guam Visitors Bureau. This appropriation *shall not* validate any agreement entered into by officers of the government of Guam *prior* to the enactment of this Act.