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Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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HONORABLE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Guam Congress Building
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Re: Bill No. 237-35 (COR) – An Act to Amend §§ 2204, 2205(b)(3), 2205(b)(10)(B) and 2206 of Article 2, Chapter 2, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Simplifying the Composition of the Guam Product Seal Task Force, Updating the Terms Related to Guam and Chamoru, Requiring that the Task Force Meet Biannually instead of Monthly, and Clarifying the Number of Members Needed for Quorum and Action

Dear Madame Speaker:

These are unusual days and while I appreciate that our resources are being properly directed toward the emergent threat that COVID-19 presents, we must also ensure that when this passes, we are positioned in a manner to thrive.

To that end, I have signed Bill No. 237-35, ***"An Act to Amend §§ 2204, 2205(b)(3), 2205(b)(10)(B) and 2206 of Article 2, Chapter 2, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Simplifying the Composition of the Guam Product Seal Task Force, Updating the Terms Related to Guam and Chamoru, Requiring that the Task Force Meet Biannually instead of Monthly, and Clarifying the Number of Members Needed for Quorum and Action***, as ***Public Law No. 35-75***. The Guam brand is strong and it will prove one of our best assets when this trying time is over.

Senseremente,

Lou Leon Guerrero

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 237-35 (COR) *nka Public Law 35-75*

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Compiler of Laws

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2020 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 237-35 (COR), "AN ACT TO *AMEND* §§ 2204, 2205(b)(3), 2205(b)(10)(B) AND 2206 OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 2, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO SIMPLIFYING THE COMPOSITION OF THE GUAM PRODUCT SEAL TASK FORCE, UPDATING THE TERMS RELATED TO GUAM AND *CHAMORU*, REQUIRING THAT THE TASK FORCE MEET BIANNUALLY INSTEAD OF MONTHLY, AND CLARIFYING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS NEEDED FOR QUORUM AND ACTION,"** was on the 11th day of March 2020, duly and regularly passed.

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker

Attested:

Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 11th day of March, 2020, at 3:07 o'clock P.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 3/20/2020

Public Law No. 35-75

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 237-35 (COR)
As amended by the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, Hagåtña Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs; and further amended on the Floor.

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AN ACT TO *AMEND* §§ 2204, 2205(b)(3), 2205(b)(10)(B) AND 2206 OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 2, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO SIMPLIFYING THE COMPOSITION OF THE GUAM PRODUCT SEAL TASK FORCE, UPDATING THE TERMS RELATED TO GUAM AND *CHAMORU*, REQUIRING THAT THE TASK FORCE MEET BIANNUALLY INSTEAD OF MONTHLY, AND CLARIFYING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS NEEDED FOR QUORUM AND ACTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Guam Product Seal program has a proven track record of supporting local entrepreneurs and stimulating economic opportunities on Guam by promoting the manufacturing of local products. Businesses under the program have provided over seven hundred fifty (750) job opportunities to the local workforce and thus has great potential to grow even further as we have seen a strong presence of locally-made products in our consumer market.

I Liheslatura further finds that the 2018-2019 Transition Advisory Committee recommended to reduce the number of members in more than two (2) dozen boards and commissions identified in Chapter 1(D) of the Transition Report to no more than five (5) members to ensure the fulfillment of appointments and quorum; and, the Guam Product Seal Task Force (Task Force) is among those entities identified as it comprises fifteen (15) members, which has led to the Task Force not being able to meet consistently in the past.

I Liheslatura also finds that since the enabling act's passage there have been updates to adopted *CHamoru* orthography and grammar, which include the terms "*Guåhan*" and "*CHamoru.*" Therefore, the Guam Product Seal Task Force should also restrict the use of such words in addition to the terms "Guam" and "*Chamorro*" on consumable commodities not made in Guam in order to protect the Guam brand, and it should be duly reflected in its enabling act.

I Liheslatura further finds that the requirement for the Task Force to meet once a month is unnecessary at this developed stage of the program and that the provision on quorum should be made clearer.

It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to simplify the composition of the Guam Product Seal Task Force, update the terms related to Guam and *CHamoru*, require that it meet biannually instead of monthly, and clarify the number of members needed for quorum and action.

Section 2. § 2204 of Article 2, Chapter 2, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is *amended* to read:

"**§ 2204. Composition of Guam Product Seal Task Force.**

The composition of the Guam Product Seal Task Force shall be as follows: *I Sigundo Na Maga'hågan/Maga'låhen Guåhan* (the Lieutenant Governor of Guam), who shall serve as the Chairperson; the Administrator of the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA), or his or her assigned representative; who shall serve as Vice Chairperson; the Director of the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA), or his or her assigned representative; a representative from the Office of the Attorney General of Guam, designated by the Attorney General, who may appoint herself or himself; and one (1) currently licensed holder of the Guam Product Seal appointed by *I Maga'håga/Maga'låhi* (the Governor).

(a) The Task Force may invite additional public and private sector members to serve on sub-committees; provided, that they possess significant background, knowledge, and experience with locally produced products; and, the Task Force may prescribe special procedures for their participation.

(b) The Office of *I Sigundo Na Maga'håga/Maga'låhi* (the Lieutenant Governor) shall support the administrative needs of the Task Force."

Section 3. § 2205(b)(3) of Article 2, Chapter 2, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is *amended* to read:

"(3) address intellectual property rights and concerns relative to the words "Guam," "*Guåhan*," "*CHamoru*," "*Chamorro*," and derivations thereof in any other language or characters;"

Section 4. § 2205(b)(10)(B) of Article 2, Chapter 2, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is *amended* to read:

"(B) address the use of the words "Guam," "*Guåhan*," "*CHamoru*," and "*Chamorro*," and derivations thereof in any other language or characters;"

Section 5. § 2206 of Article 2, Chapter 2, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is *amended* to read:

"**§ 2206. Conduct of Meetings, Quorum.**

(a) The Task Force shall meet biannually, and as needed to discuss and assess progress and recommendations.

(b) Three (3) members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum to do business, and the affirmative vote of three (3) members of the Task Force shall be required to take any action."