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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 13, CHAPTER XII OF PUBLIC LAW 32-181: RELATIVE TO **ENHANCING** FISCAL DISCIPLINE AND EFFICIENCY BY AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL YEAR EXPENDITURE OF 2015 CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS **SUBJECT** TO SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Section 13 of Chapter XII of Public Law 32-181 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 13. Continuing Appropriations Authorized. <u>Unless</u> such continuing appropriations are specifically authorized in this Act, Aany branch, department line agency, semi-autonomous agency, autonomous agency, public corporation or entity of the government of Guam or non-profit entity receiving an appropriation from the government of Guam *shall only* expend or encumber its General or Special Funds continuing appropriations from any General Appropriations Act or Supplemental Appropriations Act prior to Fiscal Year 2015, upon the approval receipt of a letter from the Director of the Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR) by the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* that:

(1) identifies a FY 2015 appropriation to a department or agency in Part IV of Chapter II, Parts II, III, and IV of Chapter III, and Chapter V of this Act from

which a corresponding reserve *shall* be imposed in the same amount as the proposed expenditure on the identified continuing appropriation, *and*

(2) includes a statement by the Director of the BBMR stating that there will be no negative impact to the current year operations of the department or agency from which such FY 2015 appropriation is reserved if such expenditure of a continuing appropriation is authorized *unless* such continuing appropriations are specifically authorized in this Act.

Said letter from the Director of the BBMR to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan shall* be submitted *at least* five (5) calendar days before any expenditures are to be authorized and *shall* The branch, department, line agency, semi-autonomous agency, autonomous agency, public corporation or entity of the government of Guam or non-profit entity receiving an appropriation from the government of Guam *shall* submit a request to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and, at the same time, provide a copy of such request to the Office of Finance and Budget, detailing the amount, AS400 account number, department or agency, division, program, and a description of the identified current year appropriation to be reserved and the continuing appropriation for expenditure. Notwithstanding this Section, the unexpended balance of funds appropriated to the Office of *I Maga'låhen Guåha, I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, and the Office of Finance and Budget (OFB) for Fiscal Year 2014 *shall not* lapse and *shall* continue to be available for expenditures in Fiscal Year 2015."

Section 2. Effective Date. This Act *shall* be effective upon enactment.

Section 3. Severability. *If* any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end the provisions of this Act is severable.