I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2016 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 252-33 (COR)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF NINE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$910,000) FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE TO THE GUAM VISITORS BUREAU FOR SAFETY RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN TUMON.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that
there exists approximately Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars
(\$2,300,000) in the Fiscal Year 2015 Hotel Occupancy Tax Surplus Fund available
for appropriation. The sum of nine hundred ten thousand dollars (\$910,000) is
needed for safety related improvements to Guam's pedestrian infrastructure in
Tumon.

These improvements include the replacement of dilapidated handrails and the installation of bollards along San Vitores Road, improvements at the Marine Corps Drive & JFK Hill Intersection, replacement of crosswalk signs along Pale San Vitores Road, the repair and rehabilitation of the streetlight electrical system along Pale San Vitores Road, and the replacement of current streetlight bulbs to a more energy efficient light emitting diode bulb.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that these areas along Guam roads are heavily trafficked by pedestrians. It is a major thoroughfare for Guam's tourists as well as Guam's tourism industry, which employs thousands of our local people and

i contributes millions of dollars annually in tax revenue to the Government of Guam.

2 It is important to ensure the safety of these pedestrians and drivers who use these

3 streets.

- It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide the Guam Visitors Bureau with flexibility to fund necessary improvements vital to visitor safety and the well-being of the general public in the Tumon area to the extent that the appropriation herein will allow:
 - (1) The repair and rehabilitation of the streetlight electrical system along Pale San Vitores Road and the replacement of the current streetlight bulbs to a more energy efficient Light Emitting Diode bulb.
 - (2) Crosswalk Safety Improvements at the Marine Corps Drive & JFK Hill Intersection.
 - (3) Replacement of crosswalk signs along Pale San Vitores Road, JFK Hill, Chalan San Antonio and Governor Carlos Camacho Road.
 - (4) San Vitores Sidewalk Safety Improvement to include the replacement of dilapidated handrails and the installation of bollards along San Vitores Road.
- **Section 2. Appropriation.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of Nine Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$910,000) is appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2015 Hotel Occupancy Tax Unreserved Fund Balance to the Guam Visitors Bureau for safety related capital improvement projects in Tumon. This appropriation *shall not* lapse and *shall* remain available for the purpose identified herein until fully expended.
- **Section 3.** Severability. If any provisions of this Act or its application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, invalidity *shall not* affect any other provision or application of this Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.