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

Bill No. 346-33 (COR)

Introduced by:

Rory J. Respicio

AN ACT TO AMEND § 26203(K)(9); TO AMEND § 26203(K)(28) TO (32); AND TO ADD § 26203.1 TO **ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 26, ALL OF TITLE 11 OF THE** CODE ANNOTATED, **RELATIVE** TO **GUAM** INCREASING THE BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX **EXEMPTION FOR SMALL BUSINESSES TO** ONE FORTY THOUSAND HUNDRED (\$140,000) AND **INCREASE TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND** (\$150,000) THE INCOME THRESHOLD TO QUALIFY FOR THE EXEMPTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Intent. § 26203 (k) (9), Article 2, Chapter 26, Title

3 11 of the Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

4 "(9) The first One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000) earned or 5 received per taxable year by any person as rental income from real property whose gross annual rental income from real property is less than One 6 7 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) during the most recent tax year. The exemption shall apply annually, commencing at the first day of the 8 9 month of the new tax year, based on the gross annual rental income of a 10 person during the most recent year, and shall end on the last day of the last 11 month of the same tax year."

Section 2. § 26203(k)(28) to (32), Article 2, Chapter 26, Title 11 of the
Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

1 "(28) The first One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000) earned or received per taxable year by any person as income from retailing 2 3 whose gross annual retail income is less than One Hundred Fifty Thousand 4 Dollars (\$150,000) during the most recent tax year. The exemption shall apply annually, commencing at the first day of the month of the new tax 5 6 year, subject to the gross annual retail income of a person during the most 7 recent year, and shall end on the last day of the last month of the same tax 8 year.

(29) The first <u>One_Hundred</u> Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000) 9 10 earned or received per taxable year by any person as income service, which includes, but is not limited to, legal; medical; dental; accounting; consulting 11 12 and engineering fees; commissions on real estate sales or property 13 management; fees charged by barbershops, beauty parlors, shoe shining 14 parlors, dry cleaning and laundry establishments; and automobile, appliance, 15 electronics and computer repair shops, whose gross annual service income is less than One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) during the 16 17 most recent tax year. This exemption shall apply annually, commencing at 18 the first day of the month of the new tax year, subject to the gross annual 19 service income of the person during the most recent tax year, and shall end 20 on the last day of the month of the same tax year.

(30) The first <u>One Hundred</u> Forty Thousand Dollars (\$<u>1</u>40,000)
earned or received per taxable year by person as rental income whose gross
annual rental income is less than <u>One Hundred</u> Fifty Thousand Dollars
(\$<u>1</u>50,000.00) during the most recent tax year. This exemption shall apply
annually, commencing at the first day of the month of the new tax year,
based on the gross annual rental income of a person during the most recent
year, and shall end on the last day of the last month of the same tax year.

2

1 The first One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00) (31)2 earned or received per taxable year by a person, partnership or corporation 3 as commission income whose gross annual commission income is less than 4 One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) during the most recent 5 tax year. This exemption shall apply annually, commencing at the first day 6 of the month of the new tax year, subject to the gross annual income of the 7 person during the most recent tax year, and shall end on the last day of the 8 month of the same tax year.

9 (32) The first <u>One Hundred</u> Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000) 10 earned or received per taxable year by a licensed insurance company as 11 insurance premium income whose gross annual insurance premium income 12 is less than One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) during the 13 most recent tax year. This exemption shall apply annually, commencing at 14 the first day of the month of the new tax year, subject to the gross annual 15 income of the person during the most recent tax year, and shall end on the last day of the month of the same tax year." 16

Section 3. A new § 26203.1 Article 2, Chapter 26, Title 11 of the Guam
Code Annotated is hereby *added to read*:

19

"§ 26203.1. Exemption Limitation.

- The aggregate amount of exemption allowed under § 26203(k) (9),
 (28), (29) and (30) of this Chapter for the taxable year shall not exceed <u>One</u>
 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00)."
- 23 Section 4. Effective Date. This Act *shall* take effect on January 1, 2017.