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Bill No. 223-33 (COR)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE  
REVENUES FROM THE INVASIVE  
SPECIES FEES TO FUND THE  
OPERATIONS OF THE BIOSECURITY  
DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslatura Guahan*  
3 finds that Public Law 31-43 established a Guam Invasive Species Inspection  
4 Fee Fund with revenues from a newly established fee on freight imported  
5 into Guam. *I Liheslatura Guahan* further finds that among the purposes the  
6 Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund was established was to  
7 provide staffing for the Bio-Security Division of the Department of  
8 Agriculture established by Section 5 of Public Law 31-43. *I Liheslatura*  
9 *Guahan* further finds that the fee has been in place since July of 2015 and

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1 revenues are being collected and deposited in the Guam Invasive Species  
2 Inspection Fee Fund. As part of the Administrative Adjudication Act  
3 process for implementing the fee, the Department of Agriculture submitted  
4 an Economic Impact Statement estimating that the Guam Invasive Species  
5 Inspection Fee would initially raise \$2 million per year. Inasmuch as there  
6 are revenues currently being collected and deposited in the Guam Invasive  
7 Species Inspection Fee Fund, *I Liheslatura Guahan* further finds that this  
8 revenue should be appropriated to the Bio-Security Division of the  
9 Department of Agriculture as called for in Public Law 31-43.

10       **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION TO THE BIO-SECURITY**  
11 **DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

12       All Fiscal Year 2015 and Fiscal Year 2016 revenues of the Guam  
13 Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund are appropriated to the Department  
14 of Agriculture to provide staffing for the Bio-Security Division for the  
15 inspection, quarantine, and eradication of invasive species contained in any  
16 freight brought to Guam.

17       **SECTION 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR A PROGRAM**

1 **COORDINATOR FOR THE BIO-SECURITY DIVISION.**

2 a) *I Liheslatura Guahan* finds that the position of Invasive Species  
3 Coordinator, called for in Public Law 31-43, is still in the process of being  
4 established as a classified position in the Civil Service. As an interim  
5 measure, the Department of Agriculture has determined that a Program  
6 Coordinator IV is needed until the position has been established and  
7 recruited.

8 b) The Department of Agriculture is authorized to employ a Program  
9 Coordinator IV in the Bio-Security Division.

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