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Bill No. 290-37 (LS)

Introduced by:

Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas 

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CHAPTER 12, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,
RELATIVE TO PROHIBITING THE DISCONNECTING OF
UTILITY SERVICES ON FRIDAYS.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM.

Section 1. Legislative Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that disconnecting and shutting-off vital lifeline utilities such as power and water on a Friday is unfair and inconvenient to our residents as it prevents or only gives the customers of these important services a small margin of time to dispute or resolve their issues with the utility before being cut-off and left without power or water over the weekend. Customers who have had any utility disconnected on a Friday will have to endure two consecutive days without these critical utilities before being able to resolve their issue on the following week; therefore, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends to enact a legislation addressing this critical concern. With this Act, our residents will not have to endure disconnection of any vital utility on weekends and provide them with ample time to address and resolve their issues.

Section 2. A new § 12130 *shall* be added to Article 1, Chapter 12, Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

“§ 12130. Service Shut-off.

1 Neither the Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) nor the Guam Power
2 Authority (GPA) shall disconnect or shut-off any customer from their utility
3 services due to unpaid bills on a Friday. In cases where the cut-off of services
4 lands on a Friday, GPA and GWA shall cut-off services on the following
5 Monday, and GPA and GWA shall charge for any additional consumption of
6 water or power incurred after the Friday cut-off date.

7 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall become effective upon enactment.

8 **Section 4. Severability.** *If* any of the provisions of this Act or the application
9 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity *shall not* affect
10 any other provision or application of this Act which can be given effect without the
11 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
12 severable.