MINA BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN 2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

20 Bill No.

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION 51102.9 OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS IN A HARDFILL.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings. I Mina Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan finds that 3 the inclusion of tree limbs, stumps, plastics and other types of combustible material in a hardfill 4 has contributed to the ignition of underground fires that have created health and environmental 5 hazards for island residents. Recent examples have included the Malojloj hardfill owned and 6 operated by the Government of Guam and a permitted hardfill located on private property in the 7 village of Chalan Pago. These underground fires that have resulted from these hardfills have 8 adversely affected the air quality for surrounding village residents and have required in numerous 9 cases the temporary re-location of village residents away from their property and privately owed 10 homes. In addition, hundreds of thousands of taxpayers dollars have been spent to provide 11 manpower, equipment and cover material to suppress these avoidable underground fires.

Section 2. An act to repeal and reenact section 51102.9 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated to prohibit the use of combustible materials in a hardfill.

14Section 51102.9. Hardfill shall mean a method of compaction and earth cover of15solid wastes other than those containing garbage or other putrescible (putrescent) waste,16including, but not limited to, tree-limbs-and-stumps, demolition material, and like17materials not constituting a health or nuisance hazard, where cover need not be applied18on a per day used basis. A Hardfill shall not include any combustible material.