

MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 144 (LS)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF CONTRACTING TO A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION TO ESTABLISH A COALITION FOR A TOBACCO-FREE GUAM.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. **Legislative Intent and Findings.** Public Law 27-29, Chapter II,
3 Section 42 appropriated One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to the
4 Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse (DMHSA) for the sole purpose of
5 contracting with a non-governmental organization whose primary purpose is to
6 promote, develop and establish a coalition of public and private organizations for a
7 tobacco-free Guam that advances health programs and policies that lead to a
8 decreased use of tobacco products and a resultant decrease in morbidity and
9 mortality in Guam and throughout Micronesia, and to engage in strategic planning
10 and actions related to tobacco control and creating tobacco-free environments.

11 However, because of bureaucratic delays, the DMHSA was unable to enter
12 into a contractual agreement with a non-governmental organization before the end
13 of the 2004 Fiscal Year, in which the amount appropriated would revert back to the
14 funding source.

1 Therefore, it is the intent of the *I Liheslaturan Guahan* that the amount of One
2 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) hereby be re-appropriated to DMHSA
3 pursuant to Public Law 27-29, Chapter II, Section 42.

4 **Section 2.** One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) is hereby
5 appropriated from the Healthy Futures Fund to the Department of Mental Health &
6 Substance Abuse for the purposes set forth in Public Law 27-29, Chapter II, Section
7 42 regarding contracting to a non-governmental organization to establish a Coalition
8 for a Tobacco-Free Guam. This appropriation shall continue until expended and
9 shall not revert back to its source at the end of the fiscal year.

10 **Section 3. Severability.** If any of the provisions of this Act or the application
11 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
12 any other provision or application of this Act which can be given effect without the
13 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
14 severable.