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AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO PAY OVERDUE COMPENSATION TO ELIGIBLE SUPERVISORY ENGINEERS IN THE WATER PROGRAMS DIVISION.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslatura finds 3 that three engineers employed by the Guam Environmental Protection 4 Agency are entitled to compensatory pay for supervisory work done between the years of 1997 and 2001. This was reflected in the staffing patterns and 5 6 budget requests for GEPA in the General Appropriations Act of 1998 and 7 1999, a bi-annual General Appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and was to be effective as of October 1, 1997. To date, however, payment 8 9 for the GEPA Water Programs Division engineer supervisory positions has 10 not been made. 11 I Liheslatura further finds that, in 1998, BBMR declined to approve 12 personnel actions for the mark up of the engineer supervisor positions 13 because of anticipated shortfalls for Fiscal Year 1998 despite GEPA's

assurance that it would receive federal funding from the US Environmental

- 1 Protection Agency (US EPA) to pay for the upgrade of the engineer
- 2 supervisor positions. In August 2005, US EPA granted GEP authority to
- 3 use federal grant funds to provide supplemental back pay to the three
- 4 employees who performed supervisory duties for the four years in question.
- 5 I Liheslatura finds that these three engineers are therefore entitled to
- 6 compensation to correct the disparity.
- 7 Section 2. Compensation for Supervisory Engineers.
- 8 The GEPA Administrator is hereby authorized to coordinate with US
- 9 EPA Region IX to address payment of retroactive salary ad istments and
- 10 payments totaling sixty thousand seven hundred fifty six dollars
- 11 (\$60,756.00) to the three employees who held the positions of Engineer III,
- 12 but were detailed as Engineer Supervisors for the GEPA Whiter Programs
- 13 Division from October 1, 1997 to September 30, 2001, for wear done during
- 14 that time period.