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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE TWO HUNDRED FIFTY
THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000.00) FROM THE TOURIST
ATTRACTION FUND TO THE GUAM VISITORS BUREAU
FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
GUAM SCENIC ROUTE.

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Statement.** A recent study conducted by the Committee on
3 Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans Affairs of Guam's southernmost villages indicated
4 Guam's Scenic Route project has fallen into a major state of disrepair due to typhoons, vehicle
5 accidents, and a general lack of maintenance. This system of informative signs was keyed to a Guam
6 Highway map produced by the Guam Visitors Bureau in coordination with the Department of Public
7 Works. The implementation of the Guam Scenic Route project made it possible for many of Guam's
8 visitors and residents to take self-guided tours of our island. It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
9 to re-establish the Guam Scenic Route project by providing funding for the upgrading of existing
10 signs and the erection of new signs where identified.

11 It has recently been determined by the government of Guam that as much as \$1.6 million in
12 overpayments have been remitted to the Principle and Interest Fund for the 1997 Infrastructure
13 Improvement Bond. It is anticipated that these funds will be re-deposited into the Tourist Attraction
14 Fund by the Trustee upon receipt of a letter from the government of Guam to reverse the
15 overpayments. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* takes the position that these monies are *not* available to be
16 expended until appropriated, and that these monies are *not* to be considered as countable towards the
17 Fiscal Year 2006 Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue collections.

18 **Section 2. Appropriation.** Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is
19 appropriated from the Tourist Attraction Fund to the Guam Visitors Bureau for the purpose of
20 upgrading the existing Guam Scenic Route signs, and erecting new signs at scenic, historic, and
21 recreational areas.