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Bill No. 320 (LS / ~~EC~~)

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AN ACT TO AMEND § 3204 OF TITLE 19 G.C.A., CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 2, TO AUTHORIZE VILLAGE MAYORS AND VICE MAYORS TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES; TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (a)(9) TO TITLE 19 G.C.A., CHAPTER 3, § 3202 TO ALLOW APPLICANTS TO ELECT FOR A MARRIAGE SOLEMNIZED BY A MAYOR OR VICE MAYOR ON A MARRIAGE LICENSE; TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (j) TO TITLE 19 G.C.A, CHAPTER § 3202 TO ASSESS FEES FOR MARRIAGES SOLEMNIZED BY MAYORS OR VICE MAYORS; TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (k) TO TITLE 19 G.C.A, CHAPTER § 3202 TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE DEPOSIT & CREDIT OF FEES FOR MARRIAGES SOLEMNIZED BY MAYORS AND VICE MAYORS; & TO AMEND SUBSECTION (c) OF TITLE 5, CHAPTER 40, § 40119 TO AUTHORIZE MAYORS TO EXPEND MARRIAGE FEES TO PROCURE SUPPLIES & SERVICES UNDER THE RULES GOVERNING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND.

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

2 **Section One. Who May Solemnize Marriage.** § 3204 of Title 19 G.C.A., Chapter 3,
3 Article 2, is amended to read:

4 “§ 3204. Who May Solemnize Marriage. Marriage may be solemnized by:

- 5 (a) The Governor of Guam or his substitute;
- 6 (b) The judges of the District Court, and Superior Court;
- 7 (c) All ordained clergymen and priests of whatsoever religious faith who are recognized
8 as such by the religious body whose faith they represent;
- 9 (d) The Director of Revenue and Taxation of the Director of Administration;
- 10 (e) The Speaker of the Guam Legislature, or his designee
- 11 (f) All village mayors and vice mayors.”

12 **Section Two. Marriage Licenses.** A new subsection (a)(9) is added to Title 19 G.C.A.,
13 Chapter 3, § 3202 to read:

1 “(9) Whether the applicants elect to have their marriage solemnized by a village mayor or
2 vice mayor.”

3 **Section Three. Marriage Fees.** A new subsection (j) is added to Title 19 G.C.A.,
4 Chapter 3, § 3202 to read:

5 “(j) All applicants electing to have their marriage solemnized by a village mayor or vice
6 mayor shall pay to the Treasurer of Guam Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00), which shall accompany
7 the application for a marriage license. A copy of the marriage license shall be submitted by the
8 applicants with the mayor or vice mayor’s office showing payment of the fee.”

9 **Section Four. Deposit and Credit of Marriage Fees.** A new subsection (k) is added to
10 Title 19 G.C.A., Chapter 3, § 3202 to read:

11 “(k) The Director of Revenue and Taxation shall deposit all fees collected pursuant to
12 subsection (j) of this section into the Community Development Fund. The fees shall be credited
13 to the account of the respective village when the Director of Administration is in receipt of
14 documentation from the mayor or vice mayor that a marriage has been solemnized.”

15 **Section Five. Community Development Fund.** Subsection (c) of Title 5, Chapter 40, §
16 40119 is amended to read:

17 “(c) Procurement.

18 (1) The Mayors’ Council of Guam is authorized under § 6959.3 of the
19 Procurement Law to procure supplies or services of less than Fifteen Thousand
20 Dollars (\$15,000.00) without the approval of the General Services
21 Administration.

22 (2) Mayors are authorized to use the fees collected and deposited in accordance
23 with § 3202(j) & (k) of Title 19 G.C.A., Chapter 3, to procure services and
24 supplies for the maintenance of parks as listed in § 40113 of this Chapter, planting
25 of trees, plants, and flowers, maintenance of street signs, replacement of street
26 lights, and landscape maintenance.”