

I MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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AN ACT TO ACCELERATE THE TRANSITION OF  
THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM INTO THE DIGITAL  
AGE BY THE IMPLEMETATION OF A PROGRAM OF  
DISCOUNTED FEES AS INCENTIVES FOR THE  
SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS FILED WITH  
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN AN ACCEPTABLE  
COMPUTERIZED DATA FORMAT, AT THE  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT.

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds  
3 that all documents filed at the various government agencies in paper form,  
4 must eventually be converted to digital format for efficient storage, data  
5 analysis and retrieval. The advancements in technology have proven that  
6 computerized data formats can be as secure as the traditional paper format.  
7 Computerized data files reduce the use of paper, copying fees, and staff time  
8 when dealing with the document. Moreover, important documents can be  
9 easily retrieved by the click of a button.

10 Acceptance of computerized data files as official documents provides  
11 added convenience for the customer. Likewise, the standardization of  
12 electronic forms alleviates errors and makes the processing of voluminous  
13 documents more efficient.

1           Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to allow individuals who opt to  
2 file documents in a computerized data file format with the government of  
3 Guam an incentive through fee discount. It is also the intent of *I Liheslatura* to  
4 initiate such incentive program with the Department of Land Management.

5           **Section 2.** A new Section 60315.1 is hereby added to 21GCA Article 3,  
6 Chapter 60 to read:

7           “**§60315.1. Digital Record Partnership Act.** Any document required to be  
8 filed with the Department of Land Management, hereinafter referred to as  
9 “Department,” may be submitted in computerized data format determined  
10 acceptable by the Department that is compatible with the Department’s  
11 computer system. Any individual who opts to submit filing required  
12 documents in a computerized data file shall also be entitled to a twenty (20%)  
13 discount on the approved Department filing fees assessed for such  
14 document.”

15           **Section 3. Expansion of Program.** The Governor of Guam shall survey  
16 the Executive Branch to determine the desirability of providing discounted  
17 filing fees for the submission of computerized data file documents and submit  
18 draft legislation required to implement the discounted fee and acceptance of  
19 computerized data file.

20           **Section 4. Severability.** If any of the provisions of this Act or the  
21 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such  
22 invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this Act which  
23 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this  
24 end the provisions of this Act are severable.