

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 323 (LS)

Introduced by:

E. J. B. Calvo

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE I MAGA'LAHEN
GUÅHAN TO MAKE PRIOR YEAR VENDOR AND
UTILITY PAYMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF GUAM FROM GENERAL FUND REVENUES
COLLECTED IN FISCAL YEAR 2008, TO BE
KNOWN AS "THE DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT
OF 2008."**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Government of Guam continues to carry a sizable deficit on its books and has, until now, been unable to make consistent and meaningful reductions of its overdue obligations for vendor payables and overdue utility payments. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* is of the firm belief that a sufficiency of funds over and above the adopted \$489.8 Million projected General Fund revenues will be realized in Fiscal Year 2008 and by this Act, the "Deficit Reduction Act of 2008," desires to see General Fund revenues, to be realized and not already appropriated, utilized for Deficit Reduction.

Section 2. Authorization to Expend General Fund Revenues in Excess of Fiscal Year 2008 Projections for Deficit Reduction. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* is hereby authorized to pay Prior Years' Obligations from Fiscal Year 2008 General Fund revenues that are in

1 excess of the General Fund revenues adopted in P.L. 29-19, in the priority as
2 follows:

- 3 (a) Prior Years' Adjudicated payments to the Medically Indigent
4 Program
- 5 (b) Prior Years' Obligations of the Government of Guam owed to the
6 Guam Waterworks Authority, and;
- 7 (c) Prior Years' Obligations of the Government of Guam owed for
8 outstanding Vendor payables.

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