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**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF
THE ATORNEY GENERAL FOR PURPOSES OF INITIATING
ALL APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR
THE RECOVERY OF COMPACT IMPACT
REIMBURSEMENTS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings.** *I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds that under
3 the Compacts of Free Association between the Freely Associated States (FAS) of
4 Micronesia and the U.S. Government, costs incurred by local governments for
5 health care, education and other costs incurred by FAS citizens are calculated by
6 local governments and reimbursed by the U.S. Government. *I Liheslaturan*

1 *Guahan* finds that despite numerous administrative attempts to recoup such
2 amounts Guam continues to be owed in excess of Four Hundred Million Dollars in
3 reimbursement costs attributed to the presence of FAS citizens utilizing public
4 services, therefore it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to pursue any and all
5 legal actions necessary to compel reimbursements owed to the government of
6 Guam for costs incurred relative to the Compacts of Free Association.

7 **Section 2. Appropriation to the Office of the Attorney General of**
8 **Guam.** The sum of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) is
9 appropriated from the FY 2009 Guam Highway Fund revenues to the Office of the
10 Attorney General of Guam for the specific use of initiating any and all necessary
11 legal actions necessary for the recovery of Compact Impact reimbursements due to
12 the government of Guam from the U.S. Government. This appropriation *may*
13 include the hiring of personnel, procurement of professional services and any other
14 reasonable costs necessary to successfully pursue this mandate. For this particular
15 purpose, the Office of the Attorney General of Guam is *exempted* from the
16 restriction on the hiring of limited term appointments and unclassified employees.
17 The funds appropriated herein shall be available for expenditure by the Office of
18 the Attorney General of Guam until fully expended.

19 **Section 3. Reporting Requirement.** The Office of the Attorney General
20 of Guam *shall* submit *monthly* status reports to *I Liheslaturan Guahan* reporting
21 all expenditures associated with this Act as well as detailing the progress made in
22 achieving this Mandate.