

**MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
TWENTY-NINTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
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Bill No. 85(25)
Introduced by:

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**AN ACT RELATIVE TO ENSURING THAT SENATORS OF I
MINA BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN 'LEAD
BY EXAMPLE' IN TRIMMING COSTS DURING BLEAK
FINANCIAL TIMES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM
THROUGH THE REDUCTION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE
SALARIES BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%).**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that I Maga'lahren Guahan in his State of the Island Address on February 19, 2007 presented to I Liheslaturan Guahan and to the people of Guam that the financial state of the government of Guam is "bleak", highlighting the need to immediately commence collective efforts toward addressing the financial condition of the government in meeting existing operational requirements and further planning for ways to address long-term financial debts of the government. I Liheslaturan Guahan further finds that the financial firm of Standard and Poor's recently placed the government of Guam on a credit watch status, thus further emphasizing the need for the government of Guam to formulate plans for addressing its short-term and long-term financial condition. To commence a sincere commitment in addressing Guam's financial problems, it is essential that Senators and

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1 elected officials lead by example in the reduction of costs associated with the
2 operations of the government. Therefore, this provision would reduce the
3 salaries of Senators of I Mina Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guahan by
4 twenty-five percent (25%).

5 **Section 2. Reduction of Senator's Salaries.**

6 Subsection (b) of §1106 of Title 2, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "(b) From 01 April 2007 and until the end of Fiscal Year 2007, the
9 annual salary of Senators of I Mina Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guahan
10 (Twenty-Ninth Guam Legislature) shall be based on seventy-five percent
11 (75%) of the amount as computed according to Subsection (a) of this Section,
12 for a reduction of twenty-five percent (25%).