I MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2007 (FIRST) REGULAR SESSION

Bill No. <u>94</u> (25)

Introduced by:

v.c. pangelinan 🗹

AN ACT TO AMEND 11 GCA §26201 RELATIVE TO GROSS RECEIPTS TAXES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guahan finds 2 that businesses opting to show their customers the amount of Gross Receipt 3 Tax (GRT) paid to the government following a customer transaction are 4 applied utilizing varying methods of showing the GRT. The different 5 methods employed in visibly displaying the GRT has thus lead confusion on 6 the part of the customer. Therefore, it is the intent of I Liheslatura to 7 standardize the method of displaying GRT on customer receipts to avoid any 8 further confusion. 9

10 Section 2. 11 GCA §26201 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 "§26201. Levy.

- (a) There is hereby levied and shall be assessed and collected monthly
 privilege taxes against the persons on account of their businesses
 and other activities in Guam measured by the application of rates
 against values, gross proceeds of sales or gross income, as the case
 may be.
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- (b) A person engaging in, transacting, conducting, continuing, doing, or

carrying on a business in Guam, who is required to pay taxes levied in this Chapter and opts to show to each customer the amount that will be transmitted to the government of Guam as a result of the customer's transaction, may exclude GRT reimbursement collected from the measure of taxable gross receipts.

(c) A person who opts to show to each customer the amount of the 6 tax levied in this Chapter that will be transmitted to the government of 7 Guam as a result of the customer's transaction, shall not display, 8 advertise, mark, present an invoice or bill for payment, or hold out to 9 the public any manner directly or indirectly the cost of the transaction 10 without including the tax levied by this Chapter. The tax levied 11 pursuant to this Section shall not be presented nor added to the cost of 12 the transaction at the point of sale or collection of the transaction. 13

14 <u>Example:</u>

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- 15 <u>Allowed under this provision:</u>
- 16 <u>Cost of Item or Service:</u> \$1.00
- 17 <u>GRT:</u> \$.06
- 18 <u>Total Cost</u> \$1.00
- 19 Not allowed under this provision:
- 20 Cost of Item or Service \$1.00
- 21
 GRT:
 \$.04

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 Total Cost
 \$1.04

(c) (d) A person engaging in, transacting, conducting, continuing, doing,
 or carrying on a business in Guam shall annually notify the Department

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of Revenue and Taxation of its election pursuant to Subsection (b) of this
 Section

(d) (e) Notwithstanding the Administrative Adjudication Law, the
Director of the Department of Revenue and Taxation shall promulgate
the necessary rules to effectively implement 11 GCA §26201 (b) and (c)
(d), no later than December 05, 2003. The rules shall become effective
upon submission to *I Liheslaturan Guahan*. Subsequent changes to such
rules shall be pursuant to the Administrative Adjudication Law or by
statute.

10 Section 3. Severability. If any of the provisions of this Act or

the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.