

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION 12 OF CHAPTER III,
PART II, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL
SERVICES, OF PUBLIC LAW 30-196 RELATIVE TO FUNDING FOR
THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ANIMAL SHELTER, CURRENTLY
OPERATED BY THE GUAM ANIMALS IN NEED (GAIN), INC.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative findings and intent: It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to
3 ensure that the operations of the government of Guam animal shelter in *Yigo* continue
4 without interruption.

5 Ensuring for the proper care and handling of stray and domestic animals in Guam is
6 a public health issue. Thus, the budget act of the government of Guam for Fiscal Year
7 2011 directed that the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) was appropriated
8 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) for
9 the purposes of funding the operations of the government owned animal shelter in *Yigo*,
10 currently operated by the Guam Animals in Need (GAIN), Inc. However a Memorandum
11 of Understanding (MOU) currently exists between the Department of Agriculture and
12 GAIN for the exact same purposes.

13 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that it is in the best interest that the existing MOU
14 continue. As well, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to ensure that the operator of the
15 animal shelter is able to operate in the most expeditious manner with timely funding. The
16 current operator has met some challenges in receiving appropriate funding as allocated in

1 preceding budget acts of the government of Guam. It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
2 to ensure that timely funding is provided for the operations of the - government owned,
3 not-for-profit run - animal shelter in Yigo, Guam.

4 **Section 2.** Section 12 of Chapter III, Part II of Public Law 30-196 relative to the
5 Department of Public Health and Social Services is hereby repealed and reenacted to read:

6 **"Section 12.** The sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$100,000**) is appropriated
7 from the General Fund to the ~~Department of Public Health and Social Services~~ Department
8 of Agriculture and *shall* be used to fund the operations of the ~~Guam Animals in Need~~
9 ~~(GAIN)~~ government of Guam animal shelter, currently operated by the Guam Animals in
10 Need (GAIN), Inc. (GAIN). in *Yigo*, Guam for Fiscal Year 2011. Notwithstanding the
11 general provisions of §30107.1, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, and this Act, this
12 appropriation *shall* continue to be available until expended and shall be paid all at once, or
13 in equal installments, to the shelter operator prior to the start of each quarter of the 2011
14 Fiscal Year. Any arrears due shall be paid to the current shelter operator no later than ten
15 (10) days after enactment of this provision into law.

16 **Section 2.** Effective Date: This provision shall take effect upon enactment into law.