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**I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2011 (FIRST) Regular Session**

Bill No. 157-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

R. J. RESPICIO 

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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §4121 TO CHAPTER 4, TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUSPENSION OF THE SALARIES OF *I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN*, *I SEGUNDU MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN*, AND THE SENATORS OF *I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IN THE EVENT OF A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN CAUSED BY THE FAILURE TO ENACT AN ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORGANIC ACT.

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

2            **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds  
3 that the primary responsibility of the elected leadership of the executive and  
4 legislative branches of the Government of Guam is the preparation and  
5 implementation of an annual operating budget to sustain the important  
6 functions of the government of Guam. Should Guam's elected leadership fail  
7 in this task and cause a government shutdown, resulting in disruption of vital  
8 public services for the people of Guam, then it is only fair and appropriate  
9 that the salaries for these elected officials also cease until such time as an  
10 annual operating budget is enacted into law.

1           **Section 2. A new §4121 is added to Chapter 4, Title 5 of the Guam**  
2 **Code Annotated to read:**

3           **“§ 4121. Suspension of executive salaries.** In the event that the  
4 annual operating budget for the government of Guam expires and no  
5 new annual operating budget has been enacted into law in accordance  
6 with the Organic Act, or rolled over from the previous year, then the  
7 salaries of *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*, *I Segundu Maga’lahen Guåhan*, and the  
8 Senators of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* shall be suspended until such time as a  
9 new annual operating budget for the government of Guam is enacted  
10 into law, at which time such salaries shall be reinstated. This § 4121  
11 shall be subject to the following provisions:

- 12           **a.** Such suspension of salaries *shall not* take place if the failure  
13 to enact an annual budget is due to an emergency resulting  
14 from a natural or other disaster, or hostile action.
- 15           **b.** The Government of Guam’s share of retirement, Social  
16 Security, and health and other insurance payments *shall be*  
17 the individual responsibility of *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*, *I*  
18 *Segundu Maga’lahen Guåhan*, and the Senators of *I*  
19 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* during the suspension of executive  
20 salaries.