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AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF INCOME TAX REFUNDS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2011.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that it is the established priority of both the executive and legislative branches of the Government of Guam to as expeditiously as possible pay taxpayers the refunds due them. Given the success of the previous bond issue in achieving this goal, the issuance of second portion of the \$344 million authorized by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* in P.L. 31-76, be expedited in order avoid any unnecessary delays in the distribution of the refunds due for the 2011 tax year. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* therefore finds that it is appropriate to adjust the debt ceiling provisions as recommended by the

executive branch in order to permit the implementation of the authority to issue bonds for this purpose.

## Section 2. Amendment of Real Property Tax Provisions.

- (a). Intent of Amendments. The intent of the amendments made by this Section is that real property taxpayers have the same amount of liability to the government of Guam and the Chamorro Land Trust Commission after the effectiveness of the amendments as they did before such effectiveness, and the amended sections shall be administered consistent with that intent.
- (b). § 24102 (f) of Article 4 Chapter 24 Division 2 of Title 11 GCA is hereby *amended* to read:
  - "(f) Value, full cash value, fair market value, and cash value means ninety—one hundred percent (90100%) of the appraised value; appraised value means the amount at which property would be taken in payment of a just debt from a solvent debtor as determined by the last completed valuation conducted pursuant to § 24306, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, as amended by the annual adjustments mandated in this Chapter. The appraised value of the interest of a lessee or licensee of land owned by the Chamorro Land Trust Commission shall be the appraised value of the land, not including improvements;"

(c) § 24103. Levy, of Article 4 Chapter 24 Division 2 of Title 11 GCA is hereby *amended* to read:

"§ 24103. Levy.

There is hereby levied on all land property in Guam a yearly tax at the rate of seven seventy seconds seven-eightieths percent (7/72%) (7/80%) of the value thereof and seven eighteenths seventwentieths percent (7/18%) (7/20%) of the value of the improvements thereon. Such tax shall be assessed and collected in the manner prescribed in this Chapter. All proceeds derived by the government under any provision of this Chapter shall be deposited in the General Fund.