

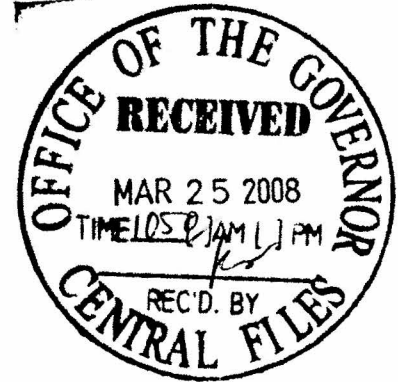


MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
TWENTY-NINTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
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March 24, 2008

The Honorable Felix P. Camacho
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan
Ufisinan I Maga'lahi
Hagåtña, Guam 96910



Dear *Maga'lahi* Camacho:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 72(EC), 120(EC), 138(EC), 164(LS), 166(EC), 186(EC), 222(LS); and Substitute Bill Nos. 1(LS), 25(EC), 118(EC) & 185(EC) which were passed by *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on March 21, 2008.

Sincerely,

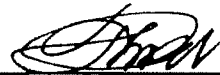
TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

Enclosures (11)

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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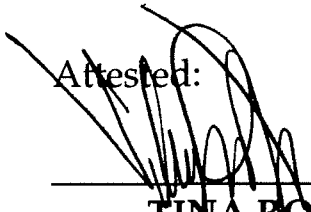
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that **Bill No. 138 (EC), "AN ACT TO ACCELERATE THE TRANSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM INTO THE DIGITAL AGE BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM OF DISCOUNTED FEES AS INCENTIVES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS FILED WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN AN ACCEPTABLE COMPUTERIZED DATA FORMAT, AT THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT, BY AMENDING §60304 AND ADDING A NEW §60315.1 TO TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,"** was on the 21st day of March, 2008, duly and regularly passed.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker

Attested:


TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* this 25 day of March, 2008, at 10:50 o'clock A.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahi's Office

APPROVED:

FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan

Date: _____

Public Law No. _____

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 138 (EC)

As amended by the Author.

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AN ACT TO ACCELERATE THE TRANSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM INTO THE DIGITAL AGE BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM OF DISCOUNTED FEES AS INCENTIVES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS FILED WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN AN ACCEPTABLE COMPUTERIZED DATA FORMAT, AT THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT, BY *AMENDING* §60304 AND *ADDING* A NEW §60315.1 TO TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that all documents filed at the various government agencies in paper form, must

1 eventually be converted to digital format for efficient storage, data analysis and
2 retrieval. The advancements in technology have proven that computerized data
3 formats can be as secure as the traditional paper format. Computerized data files
4 reduce the use of paper, copying fees, and staff time when dealing with the
5 document. Moreover, important documents can be easily retrieved by the click of
6 a button.

7 Acceptance of computerized data files as official documents provides added
8 convenience for the customer. Likewise, the standardization of electronic forms
9 alleviates errors and makes the processing of voluminous documents more
10 efficient.

11 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to allow individuals who opt to file
12 documents in a computerized data file format with the government of Guam an
13 incentive through fee discount. It is also the intent of *I Liheslatura* to initiate such
14 incentive program with the Department of Land Management.

15 **Section 2.** §60304 of Title 21 GCA Article 3, Chapter 60 is hereby
16 *amended* to read:

17 “**§60304. Definition.** The term *document* as used in this Article
18 means, *except* where the context otherwise indicates, any instrument, paper,
19 certified copy of judgment, map, plat, survey or other document, including
20 attachments thereto, which is authorized by law to be recorded. The
21 Department is authorized to receive such document in an electronic
22 computerized data format as an official and legal document.”

23 **Section 3.** A new §60315.1 is hereby *added* to Article 3, Chapter 60 of Title
24 21 GCA to read:

25 “**§60315.1. Digital Record Partnership Act.** Any document
26 required to be filed with the Department of Land Management, hereinafter
27 referred to as ‘Department,’ may be submitted in computerized data format

1 determined acceptable by the Department that is compatible with the
2 Department's computer system. Any individual who opts to file any
3 documents in a computerized data file *shall* also be entitled to a twenty
4 percent (20%) discount on the approved Department filing fees assessed for
5 such document."

6 **Section 4. Expansion of Program.** *I Maga'lahaen Guahan shall* survey the
7 Executive Branch to determine the desirability of providing discounted filing fees
8 for the submission of computerized data file documents and submit draft
9 legislation required to implement the discounted fee and acceptance of
10 computerized data file.

11 **Section 5. Severability.** *If* any of the provisions of this Act or the
12 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity
13 shall *not* affect any other provision or application of this Act which can be given
14 effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of
15 this Act are severable.