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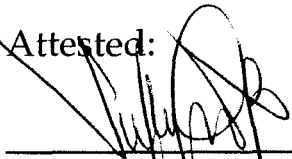
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that **Substitute Bill No. 312 (EC)**, "AN ACT TO AMEND §34301 AND TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT §34302(a) AND (b), ALL OF ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 34, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ANIMAL QUARANTINE REGULATION," was on the 14th day of August, 2008, duly and regularly passed.



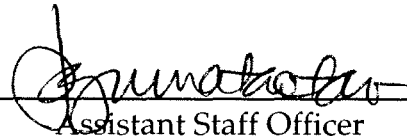
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Speaker

Attested:



Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* this 15 day of Aug, 2008, at 2:44 o'clock P.M.



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Bill No. 312 (EC)

As substituted by the Committee
on Judiciary, Natural Resources,
Infrastructure and Cultural Affairs
and amended on the Floor.

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**AN ACT TO AMEND §34301 AND TO REPEAL AND RE-
ENACT §34302(a) AND (b), ALL OF ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER
34, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
ANIMAL QUARANTINE REGULATION.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that current animal quarantine laws are overly cumbersome to individuals visiting
4 *or* relocating to Guam. Often, travelers to Guam research requirements for

1 bringing their pets to the island, only to be needlessly confused by antiquated
2 standards and confusing language.

3 *I Liheslatura* further finds that the World Health Organization and the
4 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention currently recognize Guam, among very
5 few jurisdictions in the world, as “rabies free.” It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan*
6 *Guåhan* to enhance efficiency and reduce confusion in animal quarantine
7 regulation, and still maintain a “rabies-free” designation through stringent
8 veterinary standards.

9 **Section 2.** §34301 of Article 3 of Chapter 34, Title 10 of the Guam Code
10 Annotated, is *amended* to read:

11 **“§34301. Definitions.** For the purposes of this Article:

12 (a) *Carrier* means any individual, partnership, corporation *or* any
13 other group *or* combination acting in concert which *shall* transport any
14 animal into, through *or* upon Guam.

15 (b) *Designated inspection area* means an area designated by the
16 Director of the Department of Agriculture.

17 (c) *Dog or cat* means domestic species of dogs and cats only.
18 Nothing in this Act *shall* allow for the importation of pet wolves, foxes,
19 skunks, raccoons, civets, hyenas, weasels, and wolverines, animals of the
20 Order Marsupialia, including opossums, koalas, kangaroos *or* animals of the
21 Order Chiroptera, including bats.

22 (d) *Impoundment* means strict confinement under restraint by leash,
23 cage *or* paddock upon premises specified by order of the Director.

24 (e) *International Unit* (I.U.) means a unit of measure agreed upon
25 by scientists of a field.

1 (f) *Officer* means a member of the Guam Police Department, a
2 Mayor of Guam, *or* a person authorized by the Director.

3 (g) *OIE-FAVN* means the World Organization for Animal Health
4 Fluorescent Antibody Virus Neutralization test, a type of blood test used to
5 determine the quantity of rabies antibodies in the bloodstream.

6 (h) *Quarantine* means strict isolated impoundment.

7 (i) *Rabies* means the acute infectious disease of the central nervous
8 system caused by a filterable virus, most frequently transmitted by the bite
9 of infected animals and commonly referred to as “hydrophobia”.

10 (j) *Titer* means a concentration of a substance in a solution.”

11 **Section 3.** §34302(a) and (b) of Article 3 of Chapter 34, Title 10 of the
12 Guam Code Annotated, are *repealed* and *re-enacted* to read:

13 "(a) Quarantine Unit. The Department of Agriculture *shall* maintain
14 a dog *or* cat quarantine unit, provide and carry out a quarantine program to
15 receive incoming dogs *or* cats upon arrival on the island, ensure that such
16 dogs *or* cats are examined within twenty-four (24) hours upon arrival and
17 twenty-four (24) hours prior to release from quarantine by a licensed
18 veterinarian and provide for the health and well-being of such dogs *or* cats
19 for the duration of their quarantine, including the administering of necessary
20 immunization shots by a licensed veterinarian at the quarantine unit at the
21 expense of the owner.

22 (b)(1) Quarantine of Dogs and Cats. All dogs and cats brought into
23 Guam *shall* be subject to quarantine for a period of time approved by the
24 Director pursuant to this Section. Requirements for the entry to and release
25 from quarantine of dogs and cats brought into Guam, *shall* be a maximum of

1 one hundred twenty (120) days. Any and all costs, including care and keep,
2 *shall* be borne by the dog *or* cat owner. At the time of release from
3 quarantine, the pet must have completed *not less than* two (2) properly
4 documented inactivated rabies vaccinations, and the most recent rabies
5 vaccination must be current. The pet must also be current for other routine
6 vaccinations as established by the Territorial Veterinarian.

7 (2) Quarantine Length. Pets that have received a properly implanted
8 approved identification microchip and have a protective titer against rabies,
9 as documented by a laboratory approved by the Director of Agriculture, may
10 spend less than the full one hundred twenty (120) days in enforced
11 quarantine. The quarantine period is calculated from the date the blood
12 arrives at the approved laboratory. *If* the animal receives an import permit
13 and arrives on Guam before the one hundred twenty (120) days has passed,
14 the animal may be allowed to spend only those remaining days in enforced
15 quarantine, rather than the full one hundred twenty (120) days. *If* one
16 hundred twenty (120) *or* more days have passed since the blood with a
17 protective titer arrived at the laboratory, and *if* all other requirements have
18 been met, the animal must complete on Guam a quarantine period of five (5)
19 days *or* less and a physical examination by a veterinarian approved by the
20 Director of Agriculture. The five (5) day *or* less quarantine program
21 requires the following pre-arrival requirements for each pet before the pet
22 may be released:

- 23 (i) Vaccinations. Two (2) rabies vaccinations, with the
24 last vaccination administered *no more than* twelve (12) months
25 prior to arrival *if* a one (1) year vaccine was administered, or *not*

1 *more than* thirty-six (36) months prior to arrival *if* a three (3) year
2 *or* longer vaccine was administered. The two (2) vaccinations may
3 not be administered within thirty (30) days of each other; and the
4 last vaccine must be administered *no less than* thirty (30) days
5 prior to the pet's entry into Guam.

6 (ii) Microchip. A microchip approved by the Territorial
7 Veterinarian for identification purposes must be implanted in the
8 pet.

9 (iii) Blood Serum Tests. Blood serum OIE-FAVN test
10 results *or* the results of a test recognized by the World
11 Organization for Animal Health as being able to determine levels
12 of rabies antibodies must indicate a sufficient level of rabies
13 antibodies. Such results *shall* be from a laboratory approved by
14 the Director of Agriculture

15 (iv) Pre-arrival Waiting Period. The pre-arrival waiting
16 period determines the duration of enforced quarantine on Guam
17 only for those properly vaccinated animals with an approved
18 microchip and a properly documented protective titer against
19 rabies. *If* such an animal arrives on Guam *less than* one hundred
20 twenty (120) days after the blood arrived at the approved
21 laboratory, then the animal must spend the remaining days in
22 enforced quarantine on Guam unless the pet qualifies for the home
23 quarantine option.

24 (v) Home Quarantine Option. After completing the initial
25 five (5) days *or* less of enforced quarantine on Guam, those

1 animals with a high titer of protective rabies antibodies (at least
2 twice the minimum titer of 0.05 I.U. per milliliter of blood) may
3 complete the remainder of the post-arrival quarantine at home,
4 provided the animal originated in the United States, *or* has been
5 screened by a military veterinarian prior to arrival on Guam, and is
6 in compliance with items (i) through (iv) of this Subsection. The
7 owner must keep the pet isolated from other animals during this
8 time. Failure to do so can result in the pet being placed in
9 enforced quarantine for the remainder of the quarantine period at
10 the owner's expense. At the end of the home quarantine period,
11 the animal requires another physical examination by an approved
12 veterinarian for final release from quarantine.

13 (vi) Documentation Submission. Pet owners must submit
14 evidence of required vaccinations and blood serum tests at least ten
15 (10) days prior to the pet's arrival. These items must be sent
16 directly from the laboratory, *not* hand-carried by the pet owner.

17 The Department of Agriculture may require at any time within one hundred
18 twenty (120) days after arrival on Guam that results from off-island laboratory
19 tests be validated. *If* not confirmed to the satisfaction of the Department of
20 Agriculture, then the Department of Agriculture may, pursuant to rules and
21 regulations, place the pet in further quarantine *or* take other appropriate action.

22 The Department of Agriculture is authorized to promulgate rules and
23 regulations in accordance with this Subsection."