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I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Bill No. 147-30 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (p) TO §50103 OF CHAPTER 50 OF TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY LOANS AND LENDING PRACTICES," was on the 13th day of November, 2009, duly and regularly passed.

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As amended by the Committee on Economic Development, Health & Human Services, and Judiciary, and further amended on the Floor.

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AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW SUBSECTION (p) TO §50103 OF CHAPTER 50 OF TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY LOANS AND LENDING PRACTICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 there is a need to implement stricter guidelines and restrictions that will govern the
- 4 manner in which the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA) makes

loans or guarantees loans of any persons, firm, partnership or corporation licensed to do business on Guam, including non-profit cooperative associations.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that GEDA promotes and encourages the expansion and development of markets for products on Guam and is designed to help qualified entrepreneurs establish a successful business on Guam. For the past several years, GEDA has assisted many entities in their endeavors to successfully conduct business operations on Guam. However, there are individuals and entities that unfortunately have not been successful. In some of these cases, entities defaulted on their loans and walked away from their obligations despite terms requiring otherwise and, as a result, have never paid GEDA back monies owed to them.

Therefore, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends to prohibit the abuse of lending practices by GEDA by *adding* a new subsection (p) to §50103, Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 50, Article 1, with regard to its purposes and authorized activities.

Section 2. A new subsection (p) is hereby *added* to §50103 of Chapter 50, Article 1, Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

- "(p) An individual or business *shall* be ineligible for GEDA loans, leases, grants or other assistance if that individual or business, *or* any of its officers and/or directors, owners, partners, *or* shareholders that have *more* than five percent (5%) ownership interest in said business, including indirect ownership *or* other interest through proxy or trust, *or* sister parent *or* subsidiary ownership interest(s), personally or through a relative within one (1) degree of consanguinity, has:
 - (1) a record of delinquency that results in loan default on financial assistance obtained from GEDA or any other instrumentality of

the government of Guam, unless borrower fully honored a workout agreement to the satisfaction of the creditor;

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- (2) failed to meet and fulfill the terms and conditions of receiving GEDA assistance;
- (3) a past due or unpaid civil judgment in the Superior Court of Guam; or
- (4) engaged in *any* activity that has resulted in prosecution for a felony *or* a crime of moral turpitude *or* conviction for that type of crime in the Courts of Guam, the United States and its territories, *or* foreign jurisdiction. This Section shall *not* apply in the event that the prosecution is dismissed with prejudice."

Section 3. Severability. *If* any provision of this Law or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall *not* affect other provisions or applications of this Law, which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Law are severable.