Acting Speaker

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. 151-30 (COR), "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO DESIGNATE AREAS WITHIN THE GUAM TERRITORIAL PARK SYSTEM AS "ALCOHOL FREE ZONES", AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE, BY *ADDING* NEW SUBSECTIONS 77101(d) AND 77104(i), AND §§77104.1 AND 77104.2 TO CHAPTER 77, ARTICLE 1, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED," was on the 13th day of November, 2009, duly and regularly passed.

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As amended on the Floor.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that there is a need to give the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation
- 4 the authority to designate areas within the Guam Territorial Park System (GTPS)

as "Alcohol Free Zones", and to establish penalties for individuals who violate the provisions of this Act.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that there is a trend to designate areas such as schools and bus shelters as alcohol and drug free zones for purposes of public safety, to deter criminal activity, litter and loitering, and to promote a wholesome atmosphere in these areas.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that the open consumption of alcohol in our parks and its intoxicating effects upon an individual often becomes annoying and disturbing to families who gather to enjoy a nice family outing.

On several occasions, Territorial Park Patrol officers deal with intoxicated and belligerent individuals in the Guam Territorial Park System with no statutory authority to effectively and safely deal with the situation.

It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to designate "Alcohol Free Zones" and to establish penalties for non-compliance by adding new subsections 77101(d) and 77104(i), and §§77104.1 and 77104.2 to Chapter 77, Article 1 Title 21 Guam Code Annotated.

Section 2. A new subsection (d) is *added* to §77101, Chapter 77, Article 1, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

"(d) Alcohol Free Zone means children's playgrounds and the twenty-five (25) feet from the perimeter of the playgrounds, and any other area within the Guam Territorial Park System (GTPS), as designated by the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and as recorded with the Department of Land Management, where the possession or consumption of alcohol is prohibited."

Section 3. A new subsection (i) is *added* to §77104, Chapter 77, Article 1, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

"(i) Guam Territorial Park System as an "Alcohol Free Zone." The Director *shall* develop policies and procedures for the effective designation, implementation and administration of "Alcohol Free Zones" in accordance with the Administrative Adjudication Act. "Alcohol Free Zone" designation shall *not exceed more than* fifteen percent (15%) of the combined total number of beaches and parks, *not* inclusive of playground-only parks under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation."

Section 4. A new §77104.1 is hereby *added* to Chapter 77, Article 1, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"§77104.1. Establishment of an Alcohol Free Zone. Notwithstanding any other law, rule *or* regulation, there is established within the Guam Territorial Park system "Alcohol Free Zones", as defined in this Chapter. Any person who possesses *or* consumes alcohol in an "Alcohol Free Zone" *shall* be in violation of this provision and *shall* be issued a citation and punished in accordance with §77104.2 of this Chapter. All Territorial Park Patrol and Guam Police officers *shall* have jurisdiction to enforce this provision of law."

Section 5. A new §77104.2 is hereby *added* to Chapter 77, Article 1, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"77104.2. Penalties/Fines for Violation of Alcohol Free Zone.

(a) If any person is guilty of a first violation of §77104.1 of this Chapter, that person shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), but no more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). In addition, the judge may impose any additional penalties, including requiring the offenders to pay restitution to persons injured or for property damaged. Any credit for community

service against the fine imposed *shall* be given at an hourly rate that equals the minimum wage prevailing in Guam.

- (b) If any person is guilty of a second violation of §77104.1 of this Chapter, that person shall be punished by a fine of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), but no more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). In addition, the judge may impose any additional penalties, including requiring the offenders to pay restitution to persons injured or for property damaged. Any credit for community service against the fine imposed shall be given at an hourly rate that equals the minimum wage prevailing in Guam.
- (c) If any person is guilty of a third violation of §77104.1 of this Chapter, that person shall be punished by a fine of not less than Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00), but no more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). In addition, the judge may impose any additional penalties, including requiring the offenders to pay restitution to persons injured or for property damaged. Any credit for community service against the fine imposed shall be given at an hourly rate that equals the minimum wage prevailing in Guam.
- (d) All fines collected as a result of penalties imposed by this Section *shall* be deposited in the "Public Recreation Services Fund" and administered in accordance with §77114 of this Chapter."