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**Bill Log Sheet**

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES
353-32 (LS)	Aline A.Yamashita, Ph.D.	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 54(B) TO TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO PROMOTE PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION IN GUAM FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT.	6/16/14 10:22 a.m.	06/17/14	Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign, & Micronesian Affairs, Human & Natural Resources, and Election Reform			<b>Request for Fiscal Note 6/17/14</b>



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**RE: Request for Fiscal Notes– Bill Nos. 351-32 (LS) through 354-32(LS)**

*Hafa Adai* Mr. Rios:

Transmitted herewith is a listing of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan's* most recently introduced bills. Pursuant to 2 GCA §9103, I respectfully request the preparation of fiscal notes for the referenced bills.

*Si Yu'os ma'åse'* for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

**Senator Rory J. Respicio**  
*Chairperson of the Committee on Rules*

Attachment (1)

Cc: Clerk of the Legislature

<b>Bill Nos.</b>	<b>Sponsors</b>	<b>Title</b>
351-32 (LS)	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.	AN ACT TO AMEND § 1022 OF CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE GUAM FLOWER.
352-32 (LS)	T.C. Ada	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §3104 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE REINSTATEMENT OF CHIEF OF POLICE AND FIRE CHIEF TO PREVIOUS CLASSIFIED POSITION UPON EXPIRATION OF APPOINTMENT, AND TO ESTABLISH AN ALTERNATIVE COMPENSATION LEVEL FOR THE CHIEF POSITION.
353-32 (LS)	Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 54(B) TO TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO PROMOTE PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION IN GUAM FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT.
354-32 (LS)	Michael F.Q. San Nicolas	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE OWNERS OF PRIVATE PROPERTY TO ERECT OR HAVE ERECTED POLITICAL SIGNAGE, BY ADDING A NEW ITEM (5) TO SUBSECTION (a), A NEW ITEM (3) TO SUBSECTION (b), A NEW ITEM (3) TO SUBSECTION (c), EACH OF §61541, PART 5, ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 61, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.



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### MEMORANDUM

**To: Rennae Meno**  
*Clerk of the Legislature*

**Attorney Therese M. Terlaje**  
*Legislative Legal Counsel*

**From: Senator Rory J. Respicio**   
*Chairperson of the Committee on Rules*

**Subject: Referral of Bill No. 353-32(LS)**

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 353-32(LS)**.

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all members of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse!*

Attachment

I MINA' TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 353-32 (LS)

Introduced by

Aline A. Yamashita, PhD *AY*

**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 54(B) TO TITLE 10,  
GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO PROMOTE PLASTIC BAG  
REDUCTION IN GUAM FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR  
ENVIRONMENT.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that numerous states and countries have introduced legislation in a bid to reduce  
4 litter and pollution caused by plastic waste, specifically non-biodegradable plastic  
5 bags. According to the US International Trade Commission, in 2009, Americans  
6 annually use 102.1 billion plastic bags creating tons of landfill waste. Locally,  
7 according to the Recycling Association of Guam, the industry standard is 500  
8 plastic bags per person per year. Therefore, it is reasonable to assume that  
9 approximately 80,000,000 plastic bags are used annually by Guam's population of  
10 approximately 160,000. While plastic bags end up in the landfill, not all do as they  
11 litter Guam's properties and potentially end up in the ocean creating a danger to

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1 marine life. Therefore, *I Liheslatura* intends to provide policy to promote plastic  
2 bag reduction and environmental protection.

3 **Section 2. A new Chapter 54(b), Title 10, Guam Code Annotated is**  
4 **added to read:**

5 Effective January 1, 2015, any entity licensed to do business on Guam shall  
6 be prohibited from providing non-biodegradable plastic bags to customers at the  
7 point of sale for the purpose of transporting groceries and other merchandise.

8 Nothing in this act shall preclude any business from making available to  
9 customers biodegradable plastic bags, recyclable paper bags or reusable bags at  
10 point of sale. Biodegradable plastic bags shall have the words “Biodegradable,  
11 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” printed in a highly visible area on the exterior of the bag.

12 As used in this Act, “Non-Biodegradable Plastic Bags” is defined as  
13 petroleum-based plastic bags that cannot be broken down in the environment by  
14 natural processes.

15 **Section 3. Enforcement.**

16 Any entity licensed to do business on Guam that use plastic bags in the  
17 commission of point of sale transactions found to be in violation of this Act shall:

18 (a) be ordered to discontinue the distribution of non-biodegradable plastic  
19 bags; and,

1 (b) be subject to a fine of not less than one hundred (\$100), but not more  
2 than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each day in violation. All funds collected  
3 from violations shall be placed in a fund and that will be used for the sole purpose  
4 of island beautification projects.

5 The Director of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency be responsible  
6 for enforcement of this Act and shall develop rules and regulations to carry out  
7 provisions of this Section pursuant to the Administrative Adjudication Act.