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Office of the speaker
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.

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Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hesler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Madame Speaker:

Attached is Bill No. 223-32 (COR), entitled, ***AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$790,000) FOR THE COMPENSATION TO FARMERS FOR CROP DAMAGES PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 64A OF TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE,*** which I have **line-item vetoed** and signed into law as **Public Law 32-099**.

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My line item veto adjusts the amount contained in Bill 233-32 because there are significant resources already available to assist one of the hardest working groups of Guam's economy, our farmers. I am committed to assisting those who labor and till the land. However, assistance cannot be made at the risk of curtailing the success GEDA has demonstrated of late. GEDA's bridge loan program called Special Economic Emergency Development ("SEED") will provide SEED money to the tune of \$20-thousand per qualified farmer. The program is a 6-month deferred interest and principle payment vehicle using the Agricultural Development Fund, and GEDA has already earmarked the bond fees to cover operational costs for FY2014, and without the revenue source would inhibit our ability to carry out its mandate.

Economic growth is what will sustain government operations and the provision of quality services to our residents. Attempts to impede those efforts will cause more harm to not just the farmers, but to our island community. Without the jobs that economic growth brings, money to purchase food and other commodities will be negatively affected. I am confident as returned here, new Public Law 32-099 will both assist today's needs and lay the SEED for tomorrow's future.

Senseramente,

EDDIE BAZA CALVO

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I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 223-32 (COR), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$790,000) FOR THE COMPENSATION TO FARMERS FOR CROP DAMAGES PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 64A OF TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED"**, was on the 26th day of November 2013, duly and regularly passed.



Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Attested:


Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* this _____ day of _____,
2013, at _____ o'clock ____ .M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahi's Office

APPROVED:


EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan

NOV 27 2013

Date: _____

Public Law No. 32-099

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I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 223-32 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Appropriations,
Public Debt, Legal Affairs, Retirement, Public Parks,
Recreation, Historic Preservation and Land; and further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

Vicente (ben) C. Pangelinan
R. J. Respicio
T. R. Muña Barnes
T. C. Ada
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Frank B. Aguon, Jr.
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**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF SEVEN
HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$790,000)
FOR THE COMPENSATION TO FARMERS FOR CROP
DAMAGES PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 64A OF TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE
ANNOTATED.**

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

2 **Section 1. Appropriation to the Department of Agriculture.**

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of ^{the Sixty Thousand} ~~Four Hundred Thousand~~

4 Dollars (^{the \$ 60,000} ~~\$400,000~~) is hereby appropriated from the Guam Economic Development

1 Authority (GEDA) bond service fees received as a result of the issuance of the
2 Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) Revenue Bond authorized pursuant to Public
3 Law 32-069, and from the GEDA unrestricted net assets or its equivalent to the
4 Department of Agriculture for the *sole* purpose of funding the *Compensation to*
5 *Farmers for Crop Damages* Program (Program) established pursuant to Chapter
6 64A of Title 5 of the Guam Code Annotated. Said appropriation *shall* be made
7 available to the Program within 3 days of receipt of GWA Bond Service Fee.

8 **Section 2.** Public Law 31-233, Chapter V, Section 1, Subsection (d)(4) is
9 hereby *amended* to read:

10 “(4) Farmers Crop Damage Compensation. The sum of Three
11 Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (**\$390,000**) is appropriated from the
12 General Fund to the Department of Agriculture for the *sole* purpose of
13 funding the *Compensation to Farmers for Crop Damages* Program
14 (Program) established pursuant to Chapter 64A of Title 5 of the Guam Code
15 Annotated.

16 §1303, of Article 3, Chapter 1 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, *shall*
17 *not* apply to the appropriation in this Subsection. The appropriation in this
18 Subsection *shall not* be subject to *I Maga’lahen Guåhan’s* transfer authority.
19 Said appropriation *shall* be made available to the Program within 3 days of
20 enactment of this Act.”

21 **Section 3. Application Extension Authorized.** Notwithstanding any
22 other provision of law, rule or regulation, farmers that apply and qualify for
23 compensation from the *Compensation to Farmers for Crop Damages* Program
24 (Program) relative to the agricultural disaster declared in Declaration of
25 Agriculture Disaster No. 2013-001 *shall* be authorized to file applications for the
26 Program within sixty (60) days of the date Declaration of Agriculture Disaster No.
27 2013-001 was issued.

1 **Section 4. Reporting Requirement.** The Director of the Department of
2 Agriculture *shall* submit a written report that details the expenditure of the
3 appropriated funds in this Act to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and *I*
4 *Maga'lahen Guåhan* no later than January 31, 2014, and for each month
5 thereafter *if* funds are expended or encumbered in those months. The written report
6 *shall* include, but is *not* limited to, the number of farmers that receive
7 compensation through the Program, the amount provided to each farmer, the date
8 each farmer applied and/or registered for the Program, and the date each farmer
9 received compensation through the Program.

10 **Section 5. Transfer Authority Prohibited.** The funds appropriated in
11 this Act *shall* continue to be available until expended and *shall not* be subject to to
12 any transfer authority of *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* or *any* inter-fund borrowing for use
13 for any other purpose.

14 **Section 6. Severability.** *If* any provision of this Act or its application to
15 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity *shall not* affect other
16 provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid
17 provision or application and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.