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

RE: Bill No. 244-32 (COR)

Dear Madame Speaker:

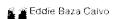
Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 244-32 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 32-068, RELATIVE TO WITHHOLDING TAX **REVENUE** COLLECTIONS AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE UNIFIED **JUDICIARY FOR** LAW **ENFORCEMENT SALARY INCREASE** IMPLEMENTATION" which lapsed into law on April 29, 2014, without the signature of I Maga'låhen Guåhan as Public Law 32-147.

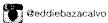
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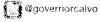
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I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Bill No. 244-32 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 32-068, RELATIVE TO WITHHOLDING TAX REVENUE COLLECTIONS AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE UNIFIED JUDICIARY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SALARY INCREASE IMPLEMENTATION," was on the 15th day of April, 2014, duly and regularly passed.

Attested:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Attested:	
Tina Rose Muña Barnes Legislative Secretary	
This Act was received by <i>I Maga'lahen C</i> 2014, at /:/// o'clock / .M.	Guåhan this <u>16</u> day of <u>April</u> Rosalo P. Soo
APPROVED:	Assistant Staff Officer Maga'lahi's Office
EDWARD J.B. CALVO I Maga'lahen Guåhan	
Date: APR 2 9 2014	
Public Law No. 32-147	

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

Bill No. 244-32 (COR)

As amended by the Author on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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FRANK B. AGUON, JR. Michael F. Q. San Nicolas R. J. Respicio T. C. Ada V. Anthony Ada B. J.F. Cruz Chris M. Dueñas Michael T. Limtiaco Brant T. McCreadie **Tommy Morrison** T. R. Muña Barnes Vicente (ben) C. Pangelinan Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D. Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 32-068, RELATIVE TO WITHHOLDING TAX REVENUE COLLECTIONS AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE UNIFIED JUDICIARY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SALARY INCREASE IMPLEMENTATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. Public Law 29-105 required 3 the government of Guam to implement four ten percent (10%) salary increases effective October 1, 2008, and each October 1 thereafter, until Fiscal Year 2012 for 4
- all law enforcement personnel, inclusive of the Unified Judiciary of Guam, the 5
- Guam Police Department, the Department of Corrections, the Customs and 6

1 Quarantine Agency, the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port, the A.B. Won

2 Pat International Airport, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department

3 of Agriculture, the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Revenue and

Taxation, and the Department of Youth Affairs.

I Liheslatura finds that Public Law 29-105 was passed unanimously by the members of I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan and signed into law by I Segundu Na Maga'lahen Guåhan on August 14, 2008. I Liheslatura further finds that for the last three years, law enforcement salaries have been frozen after the implementation of the second ten percent (10%) increment, resulting in accrued payroll obligations owed by the government of Guam to its employees.

I Maga'lahen Guåhan has recently identified funds and ordered the final two ten percent (10%) increments be implemented during the first pay period in December 2013. In addition, I Maga'lahen Guahan identified funds to pay Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) toward the accrued payroll liability owed to law enforcement officers for Fiscal Years 2011 through 2014.

I Liheslatura further finds that funds identified by I Maga'lahen Guåhan are only for increasing wages and paying prior obligations owed to law enforcement personnel at the Guam Police Department, the Department of Corrections, the Customs and Quarantine Agency, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Agriculture, the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Revenue and Taxation, and the Department of Youth Affairs. Funding to increase the salaries for Unified Judiciary law enforcement personnel was not identified by I Maga'lahen Guåhan, leaving the Marshal and Probation officers frozen at the second ten percent (10%) increment, or at a salary level twenty percent (20%) below their law enforcement colleagues in other branches and agencies of the government.

On November 27, 2013, the Unified Judiciary fulfilled part of its obligation created by Public Law 29-105 to law enforcement personnel by making a retroactive payment for Fiscal Years 2009 through 2012. This retroactive payment was made possible from the austerity measures put into place to reduce court expenses, the collection of past due appropriations, and management tools provided by *I Liheslatura* included in the FY 2013 and FY 2014 Budget Acts.

I Liheslatura further finds that the unbudgeted retroactive payment of accrued payroll liabilities to law enforcement personnel by the Unified Judiciary and the Executive Branch has created a windfall of new withholding taxes in FY 2014 or collections in excess of estimates. The Unified Judiciary remitted approximately Three Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$340,000) in withholding taxes to the Treasurer of Guam for its retroactive payments, and the Executive Branch is estimated to remit more than One Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,900,000) in withholding taxes from its retroactive payments.

I Liheslatura further finds that increasing the salary of law enforcement personnel by twenty percent (20%) for twenty (20) pay periods in Fiscal Year 2014 will cause collections of withholding taxes to exceed estimates by an additional One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,700,000), inclusive of Two Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) for Unified Judiciary personnel should the final two ten percent (10%) increments be implemented.

The total estimated windfall of withholding taxes for retroactive and prospective law enforcement salary adjustments is Three Million Nine Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$3,940,000). It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan* Guåhan that One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000) of the estimated windfall of withholding taxes be placed in the Provision for Income Tax Refunds. The remaining Two Million Seven Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$2,740,000) *shall* be used for FY 2014 salary increases for Marshal and Probation

1	Officers at the Unified Judiciary to ensure fair	and	equitable	treatm	ent of all
2	branches of government and its employees; and for	r othe	r purpose	es, as set	forth by I
3	Liheslaturan Guåhan in subsequent legislation.				
4	Section 2. Section 2 of Chapter I of Publi	c Law	32-068 i	s hereby	y amended
5	to read:				
6	"Section 2. Estimated Revenues	for	Fiscal	Year	2014. <i>I</i>
7	Liheslaturan Guåhan adopts the following	revenu	ie estima	tes for F	iscal Year
8	2014 as the basis for the appropriations con-	tained	in this A	ct.	
9	I. GENERAL FUND REVENU	ES Al	MOUNT	i	
10	TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVE	NUE		(\$720	5,811,989)
11	PROVISION FOR TAX REFUND	PAYN	MENTS	(\$12)	1,200,000)
12	TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVE	NUE A	VAILA	BLE	
13	FOR OPERATIONS			\$60	5,611,989
14	A. TAXES				
15	Income Tax Corpo	orate		\$10	4,887,419
16	Individual			\$8	4,982,063
17	Withholding Taxe	s, Inte	rest and l	Penaltie	S
18				\$22	6,195,762
19	Provision for Tax	Refun	d Payme	nts(\$121	,200,000)
20	TOTAL INCOME TAX	KES		\$29	4,865,244
21	Business Privilege Tax			\$23	2,826,385
22	Business Privilege	Tax (GMHA		
23	Pharmaceuticals F	und)		(\$9),313,055)
24	Other Taxes			\$	2,632,132
25	TOTAL TAXES			\$51	8,270,706
26	B. FEDERAL SOURCES				
27	Federal Income Tax Coll	ection	- Section	a 30 Fur	nds

1				\$65,287,000
2			Overpayment reconciliation of Section 30	0 (3 of 5)
3				(\$2,000,000)
4			Immigration and Passport Fees	\$1,849,872
5			TOTAL FEDERAL SOURCES	\$65,136,872
6		C.	USE OF MONEY AND PROPERTY	\$1,627,655
7		D.	LICENSES, FEES, AND PERMITS	
8			Licenses, Fees, and Permits	\$4,711,185
9			Licenses, Fees, and Permits (Better Publi	c
10			Service Fund)	
11				(\$471,119)
12		TOT	TAL LICENSES, FEES, AND PERMITS	\$4,240,066
13		E.	DEPARTMENT CHARGES	\$1,812,516
14		TOT	AL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	
15		AVA	ALABLE FOR APPROPRIATION	\$593,827,815
16	IV.	REV	ENUE AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIO	NS SUMMARY:
17			TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$715,027,815
18			PROVISION FOR TAX REFUNDS	(\$121,200,000)
19		ТОТ	'AL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	
20		AVA	ILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION	\$593,827,815
21		TOT	AL SPECIAL FUND REVENUE	\$168,994,981
22		TOT	AL FEDERAL MATCHING GRANTS-	-IN-AID
23		REV	ENUES	\$44,621,024
24		GRA	AND TOTAL	\$807,328,820"
25	Section 3.	Secti	on 3 of Chapter I of Public Law 32-068 is	hereby amended
26	to read:			

1	"Section 3. Authorization to Pay and Prioritize the Payment of
2	Tax Refunds.
3	I Maga'låhen Guåhan shall prioritize tax refunds for Tax Year 2013
4	and prior years A-Status Returns no less than One Hundred Twenty One
5	Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$121,200,000)."
6	Section 4. Appropriation to the Unified Judiciary. The sum of Nine
7	Hundred Forty-Four Thousand One-Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars (\$944,147) is
8	appropriated from the General Fund to the Unified Judiciary for salary increases
9	for Marshal and Probation Officers for the purposes of fully implementing the
10	raises mandated in Public Law 29-105.
11	Section 5. Severability. If any provision of this Act or its application to
12	any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other
13	provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid
14	provision or application and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.