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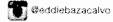
Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 354-32 (LS) "AN ACT ADD A NEW ITEM (5) TO SUBSECTION (a), A NEW ITEM (3) TO SUBSECTION (b), AND A NEW ITEM (3) TO SUBSECTION (c), ALL OF § 61541 OF PART 5 OF ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 61 OF TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ERECT OR HAVE ERECTED POLITICAL SIGNAGE," which I signed into law on October 13, 2014 as Public Law 32-199.

Senseramente,

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

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

This is to certify that Bill No. 354-32 (LS), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ITEM (5) TO SUBSECTION (a), A NEW ITEM (3) TO SUBSECTION (b), AND A NEW ITEM (3) TO SUBSECTION (c), ALL OF § 61541 OF PART 5 OF ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 61 OF TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE OWNERS OF PRIVATE PROPERTY TO ERECT OR HAVE ERECTED POLITICAL SIGNAGE," was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2014, duly and regularly passed.

Tina RoselMuña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guåhan this day of Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahi's Office

APPROVED:

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'lahen Guåhan

Date:

Public Law No. \_\_\_\_\_32-199

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

Bill No. 354-32 (LS)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ITEM (5) TO SUBSECTION (a), A NEW ITEM (3) TO SUBSECTION (b), AND A NEW ITEM (3) TO SUBSECTION (c), ALL OF § 61541 OF PART 5 OF ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 61 OF TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE OWNERS OF PRIVATE PROPERTY TO ERECT OR HAVE ERECTED POLITICAL SIGNAGE.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that in March of this year, former Senator Robert Klitzkie wrote an editorial in
- 4 which he pointed out that under Part 5 of Article 5, Chapter 61, Title 21, Guam
- 5 Code Annotated, political signs that are posted on private property are illegal.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that a gubernatorial candidate and several senatorial candidates have signs posted on private property, contrary to the provisions of this law. The Director of Public Works has stated that he has no interest in enforcing the sign laws on private property, referring to it as a free speech issue.

*I Liheslatura* finds that the people of Guam should not be made law-breakers by posting political signage on their property.

It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to allow 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), and a new Item (3) to Subsection (c), all of §61541, Part 5, Article 5, Chapter 61, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated.

- Section 2. Political Signage in Residential and Agricultural Zones. A new Item (5) is hereby *added* to § 61541(a) of Part 5, Article 5, Chapter 61, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated, to read:
  - "(5) Political signs which advocate voting for or against candidates, or other matters to be considered by the electorate; *provided*, that if such signs are posted on property adjacent to any roadway, it *shall* be at least eight (8) feet from the paved portion of the roadway, and in such a manner that would *not* impede traffic or a driver's visibility."
- **Section 3.** Political Signage in Commercial Zones. A new Item (3) is hereby *added* to § 61541(b) of Part 5, Article 5, Chapter 61, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated, to read:
  - "(3) Political signs which advocate voting for or against candidates, or other matters to be considered by the electorate; *provided*, that if such signs are posted on property adjacent to any roadway, it *shall* be at least

1 eight (8) feet from the paved portion of the roadway, and in such a manner 2 that would *not* impede traffic or a driver's visibility." 3 Section 4. Political Signage in Industrial Zones. A new Item (3) is hereby added to § 61541(c) of Part 5, Article 5, Chapter 61, Title 21, Guam Code 4 Annotated, to read: 5 "(3) Political signs which advocate voting for or against candidates, 6 7 or other matters to be considered by the electorate; provided, that if such 8 signs are posted on property adjacent to any roadway, it shall be at least 9 eight (8) feet from the paved portion of the roadway, and in such a manner 10 that would *not* impede traffic or a driver's visibility."