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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Bill No. 160, "An Act to amend Sections 25308, 25308.1, 25318, 25318.1, and 25519 of the Government Code of Guam and Section 397 of the Penal Code of Guam to change the legal age for consuming alcoholic beverages from 20 to 19", was on the 11th day of February, 1969, duly and regularly passed.



JOAQUIN C. ARRIOLA  
Speaker

ATTESTED:

/s/ James T. Sablan

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JAMES T. SABLAN  
Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by the Governor this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Feb., 1969 at 4:52 o'clock P.M.

/s/ DENVER DICKERSON

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Secretary of Guam

APPROVED:

/s/ DENVER DICKERSON

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Bill No. 160

Introduced by F. T. Ramirez

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 25308, 25308.1,  
25318, 25318.1, AND 25519 OF THE GOVERN-  
MENT CODE OF GUAM AND SECTION 397 OF THE  
PENAL CODE OF GUAM TO CHANGE THE LEGAL  
AGE FOR CONSUMING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
FROM 20 to 19.

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

2 Section 1. Section 25308 of the Government Code of Guam  
3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 25308. Minors: employment forbidden. A  
5 licensee shall not employ any minor under the age of 19,  
6 in or about that portion of the premises which is used  
7 for the sale or service of alcoholic beverages for con-  
8 sumption on the premises. Provided, however, that minors  
9 ages 16 and above may be employed as entertainers in  
10 on-sale premises under regulations made by the Board.  
11 Such regulations shall include, but are not limited to,  
12 provisions for registration of entertainers, hours of  
13 employment, conditions of employment and the responsibility  
14 of licensees employing such minors."

15 Section 2. Section 25308.1 of the Government Code of Guam  
16 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 "Section 25308.1. Same: entry forbidden. No person  
18 under nineteen years of age shall enter an establishment  
19 where alcoholic beverages except beer are consumed, unless  
20 such establishment is a public eating place as defined in  
21 Section 25018 of the Government Code of Guam. Every  
22 person who violates this section shall be guilty of a  
23 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than five  
24 hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment for a period  
25 not exceeding ninety (90) days or by both such fine and  
26 imprisonment."

1           Section 3. Section 25318 of the Government Code of Guam  
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           "Section 25318. Same: To Minor. A licensee, his  
4 agent or employee shall not sell, give nor permit to  
5 be sold, given or served any alcoholic beverages to any  
6 person under nineteen years of age. For the purpose of  
7 preventing any violation of this section, any licensee  
8 or his agent or employee may refuse to sell or serve  
9 alcoholic beverages to any person who is unable to produce  
10 adequate written evidence that he or she is over the age  
11 of nineteen years. In any criminal prosecution or pro-  
12 ceeding for the suspension or revocation of any license  
13 and based upon a violation of this section, proof that  
14 the defendant licensee or his agent or employee demanded  
15 and was shown before furnishing any alcoholic beverage to  
16 a minor, an identification card or other bona fide  
17 documentary evidence of majority of such person shall be  
18 a defense to such prosecution or proceeding for the sus-  
19 pension or revocation of any license. Every person who  
20 violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor  
21 punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars  
22 (\$500.00) or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding  
23 ninety (90) days or by both such fine and imprisonment."

24           Section 4. Section 25318.1 of the Government Code of Guam  
25 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26           "Section 25318.1. Same: false identification by minor.  
27 Any person, under nineteen years of age, who exhibits  
28 a false identification card or false document for the  
29 purpose of purchasing or obtaining alcoholic beverages  
30 shall be punished by a fine of not more than five  
31 hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment not exceeding  
32 six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

1           Section 5. Section 25519 of the Government Code of Guam  
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           "Section 25519. Same: minors. Any person under  
4 the age of nineteen years purchasing alcoholic beverages  
5 or in possession thereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor  
6 and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine  
7 of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or by  
8 imprisonment not exceeding three (3) months or by both  
9 such fine and imprisonment."

10          Section 6. Section 397 of the Penal Code of Guam is hereby  
11 amended to read as follows:

12          "Section 397. Alcoholic Beverages, Selling of, to  
13 Minors. Every person who sells, gives, or delivers to  
14 any minor under the age of 19 years, any alcoholic beverage  
15 as defined in Section 25004, Title XXVI, Chapter 1, of the  
16 Government Code of Guam, in any quantity whatsoever, shall  
17 be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction  
18 thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by  
19 imprisonment for a period not exceeding 90 days, or by  
20 both such fine and imprisonment: Provided, that this  
21 section shall not apply to the parents of such children,  
22 or to guardians of their wards."

23          Section 7. This Act is an urgency measure.