TWELFTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 1973 (FIRST) Regular Session

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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Bill No. 352, "An Act to repeal Section 21103 of the Government Code of Guam and to amend Sections 21003, 21503 (4) and 21553 of said Code to reduce charges for utility services for nonprofit educational facilities, churches, or publicly-owned hospital", which was heretofore passed and thereafter on September 14, 1973, returned to the Legislature without the approval of the Governor was, in accordance with the Organic Act of Guam, reconsidered by the Legislature and after such reconsideration the Legislature did on the 21st day of September, 1973, agree to pass said bill notwithstanding the objections of the Governor by a vote of more than two-thirds of all the members thereof, to wit: by a vote of 18 members.

F. T. RAMIREZ Speaker

ATTESTED:

F. G. LUJAN, Acting Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 2202 day of September, 1973, at Xarlanda, o'clock 2.456.M.

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AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION 21103 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF GUAM AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 21003, 21503 (4) AND 21553 OF SAID CODE TO REDUCE CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICES FOR NONPROFIT EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES, CHURCHES, OR PUBLICLY-OWNED HOSPITAL.

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

Section 1. Section 21103 of the Government Code of Guam is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. Section 21003 of the Government Code of Guam is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 21003. Functions. The functions of the Board shall be to formulate, establish and publish, and from time to time to review and where necessary revise, subject to the approval of the Governor by Executive Order, fair and reasonable schedules, uniform as to classes, of public utility rates including all related service, meter and other applicable charges for all public utility services furnished by the government of Guam, except electric service furnished by the Guam Power Authority. Such schedules may provide for separate

residential, commercial, industrial or other standardized 2 categories of rates. Such schedules shall provide that 3 the rate charged for water utilized by bona fide farmers. as certified by the Department of Agriculture, for irri-5 gation purposes shall be not more than twenty-five cents (\$.25) per thousand gallons and that the rate charged for 7 such farmers for watering their livestock, including but not limited to poultry, pigs and cattle, shall also be 8 9 not more than thirty cents (\$.30) per thousand gallons. Additionally, such schedules shall provide that the rate 10 11 charged for water supplied to and utilized by any 12 nonprofit educational facility, church, or publicly-13 owned hospital, shall be not more than twenty-five cents 14 (\$.25) per thousand gallons. The Board shall annually, 15 and may in its discretion more often upon complaint or 16 upon its own motion, review and recommend revision of 17 such schedules of rates and related charges as may at any time be in effect." 18

Section 3. Section 21503 (4) of the Government Code of Guam is hereby amended to read as follows:

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"(4) Establish and modify from time to time, without reference to the Board on Utility Rates, reasonable rates and charges for electric service, at least adequate to cover the full cost of such service; and collect money from customers using such service, all subject to any contractual obligation of the Board to the holders of any bonds, provided, however, that the rate for services supplied to any nonprofit educational facility, church, or publicly-owned hospital, shall not exceed one half (1/2) of the minimum rate charged to any other customer;

enter into covenants to increase rates or charges from time to time as may be necessary pursuant to any such contractual obligation; and refund rates and charges collected in error in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Board;"

Section 4. Section 21553 of the Government Code of Guam is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 21553. Amounts of rates and charges; refunds. Except to the extent otherwise permitted or required by an indenture or any contract relating to indebtedness incurred by the Board, all rates and charges shall at all times be fixed to yield annual revenues equal to the annual principal payments and interest charges and reserve fund requirements on all bonds at any time issued and outstanding hereunder, the annual system operation and maintenance costs and the annual principal payments and interest charges on all other outstanding indebtedness incurred by the Board, provided, however, that the rate for services supplied to any nonprofit educational facility, church, or publicly-owned hospital shall not exceed one half (1/2) of the minimum rate charged to any other customer. An indenture or contract of indebtedness may provide for payment from revenues of refunds of rates and charges that are collected in error and that are refundable by the Board in accordance with regulations prescribed by it."

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