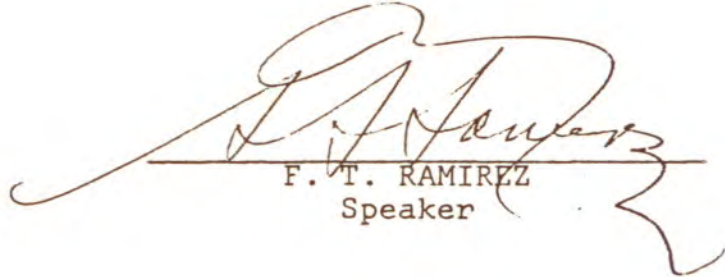


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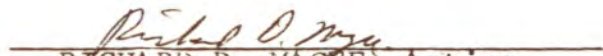
This is to certify that Bill No. 722, "An Act to add a new Section 622(b) to the Penal Code of Guam to prohibit the willfull destruction of beetlenut and frederico trees", was on the 8th day of January, 1975, duly and regularly passed.

  
F. T. RAMIREZ  
Speaker

ATTESTED:

  
G. M. BAMBA  
Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by the Governor this 10th day  
of January, 1975 at 8:30 o'clock A.M.

  
RICHARD D. MAGEE, Acting  
Attorney General of Guam

APPROVED:

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Governor of Guam

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Bill No. 722

Introduced by P. J. Bordallo

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 622(b) TO  
THE PENAL CODE OF GUAM TO PROHIBIT THE  
WILLFULL DESTRUCTION OF BEETLENUT AND  
FREDERICO TREES.

1 WHEREAS, it is the finding of the Legislature:

2 THAT, the Chamorro tradition of collecting the fruits of  
3 the beetlenut and frederico trees in a manner so as to conserve  
4 and protect these valuable natural resources is now largely  
5 ignored;

6 THAT, it is common practice for people to collect beetlenut  
7 and frederico by cutting down young and vigorous producing  
8 trees merely to avoid the inconvenience of tree climbing or  
9 using a gaoli;

10 THAT, many trees are being uprooted and cut down for use  
11 as temporary decorations; and

12 THAT, it is important to preserve both beetlenut and  
13 frederico as the chewing of the former is one of the cultural  
14 delights of the people of Guam and as the nuts of the latter  
15 constitutes one of the chief indigenous sources of starchy  
16 foods for the people of Guam; now therefore

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

18 Section 1. There is hereby added a new Section 622(b) to  
19 the Penal Code of Guam to read as follows:

20 "Section 622(b). Willful destruction of beetlenut and  
21 frederico trees. Any person who without the permission of  
22 the Director of Agriculture willfully cuts down, destroys  
23 or injures any beetlenut or frederico tree is punishable  
24 by imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year or by fine not  
25 exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) or both."



1           Section 2. The Director of Agriculture shall within thirty  
2           (30) days after the effective date of this Act establish and  
3           promulgate regulations and permit procedures consistent with the  
4           legislative intent as may be necessary to authorize the selective  
5           clearing of beetlenut and frederico trees for development or  
6           other reasonable purposes.