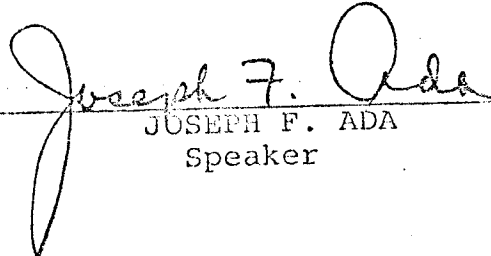


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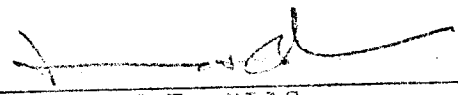
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 545, "An Act to add a new Section 1882 to the Code of Civil Procedure to provide immunity to newsmen from being adjudged in contempt of court for refusing to disclose their sources of information", was on the 19th day of August, 1976, duly and regularly passed.



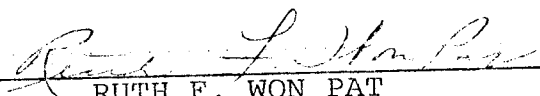
JOSEPH F. ADA
Speaker

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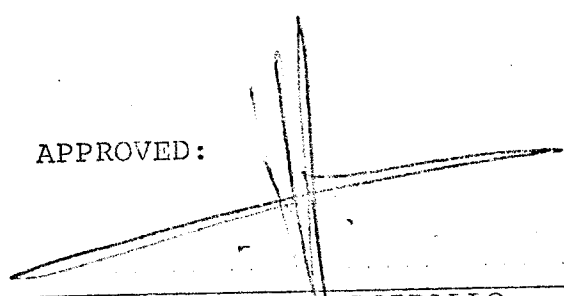
FRANK F. BLAS
Acting Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 23rd day of August, 1976, at 4:10 o'clock P.M.



RUTH F. WON PAT
Assistant Staff Officer
Governor's Office

APPROVED:



RICARDO J. BORDALLO
Governor of Guam

DATED: August 24, 1976
3:37 PM

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Bill No. 545
As substituted by
the Committee on General
Governmental Operations

Introduced by J. F. Ada
B. D. Ada

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 1882 TO THE
CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY
TO NEWSMEN FROM BEING ADJUDGED IN CONTEMPT
OF COURT FOR REFUSING TO DISCLOSE THEIR
SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

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

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2 Section 1. Section 1882 is added to the Code of Civil
3 Procedure to read:

4 "Section 1882. Confidential Communications: News
5 Media; Protection of Sources. (a) Public Policy. In
6 order to protect the public interest and the free flow of
7 information, the news media should have the benefit of
8 a substantial privilege not to reveal sources of informa-
9 tion or to disclose unpublished or untransmitted informa-
10 tion. To this end, the freedom of press and electronic
11 media requires protection of the confidential relation-
12 ship between the news gatherer and the source of informa-
13 tion. The purpose of this Act is to insure and perpetuate,
14 consistent with the public interest, the confidential re-
15 lationship between the news media and its sources.

16 (b) A publisher, editor, reporter, or other person
17 connected with or employed upon a newspaper, magazine
18 or other periodical publication, or by a press association
19 or wire service, or any person who has been so connected
20 or employed, cannot be adjudged in contempt by a judicial,

1 legislative, administrative body, or any other body having
2 the power to issue subpoenas, for refusing to disclose,
3 in any proceeding, the source of any information procured
4 while so connected or employed for publication in a
5 newspaper, magazine or other periodical publication, or
6 for refusing to disclose any unpublished information
7 obtained or prepared in gathering, receiving or processing
8 of information for communication to the public.

9 (c) Nor can a radio or television news reporter,
10 editor, director, producer, manager or other person
11 connected with or employed by a radio or television
12 station, or any person who has been so connected or
13 employed, be so adjudged in contempt for refusing to
14 disclose the source of any information procured while so
15 connected or employed for news or news commentary purposes
16 on radio or television, or for refusing to disclose any
17 untransmitted information obtained or prepared in gath-
18 ering, receiving or processing of information for communi-
19 cation to the public.

20 (d) As used in this section, 'unpublished' or
21 'untransmitted' information not disseminated to the public
22 by the person from whom disclosure is sought, whether or
23 not related information has been disseminated and includes,
24 but is not limited to, all notes, outtakes, photographs,
25 tapes, film, electronically stored information or data or
26 data of whatever sort not itself disseminated to the
27 public through a medium of communication, whether or not
28 published or transmitted information based upon or related
29 to such material has been disseminated."