FOURTEENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 1977 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 102, "An Act to construct a solid waste transfer station in the Yigo/Dededo, Umatac, Merizo, Inarajan areas and to appropriate necessary funds and for other purposes", was on the 14th day of June, 1977, duly and regularly passed.

JOSEPH F. ADA Speaker

ATTESTED:

SPALDON M Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Covernor this _____, 1977, at ______o'

WON PAT F RUTH Assistant Staff Officer Governor's Office

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APPROVED: With the exception that I have reduced the appropriation in Section 10 to zero. RICARDO J. BORDALLO Governor of Guam DATED: June YI, 1977 Y:JO PM With the exception that I have reduced the appropriation in Section 10 to zero.

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Bill No. 102 (As Substituted by the Committee on Finance & Taxation)

Introduced by

E. M. Espaldon

AN ACT TO CONSTRUCT A SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION IN THE YIGO/DEDEDO, UMATAC, MERIZO, INARAJAN AREAS AND TO APPROPRIATE NECESSARY FUNDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM: Section 1. Finding of Necessity. The only legally authorized public solid waste disposal facility on Guam is the government of Guam operated landfill in Chalan Pago/Ordot. The largest center of population on Guam, approximately 33,000 people, lies within the Dededo/Yigo area, approximately 23 miles round trip from the aforementioned landfill. The lack of nearby authorized disposal sites within this area has led to the creation of two (2) major illegal dumps:

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The old Dededo/Yigo dump site along Route I, near the War Dog Cemetery.

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(2)The old coral pit along the western side of Y-Sengsong Road, north of Kaiser/Dededo.

These dumps pollute the environment and are a hazard to public health since they are breeding grounds for insects and rodents; pose a threat to underlying groundwaters because of the percolation of toxic liquid leachate from the refuse; and discarded applicances at the site present a hazard to youngsters playing in the area. These dumps also detract from our island's beauty and result in the expenditure of several thousand dollars a year by the Department of Public Works to periodically clean the sites.

Since the porous limestone nature of northern Guam prohibits the safe and economical siting of a proper landfill there, in order to provide for the safe storage of excess community solid waste until collection, the Legislature finds that the most feasible solution is the establishment of a village solid waste transfer station to serve the residents of the Dededo/ Yigo area.

For similar reasons the Legislature finds the need to establish a village solid waste transfer station in southern Guam.

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Section 2. Definitions.

- (1) 'Leachate' shall mean a toxic solution containing dissolved and finely suspended solid matter and microbial waste products caused by the percolation of water through deposits of solid waste.
- (2) 'Solid Waste' shall mean unwanted or discarded material with insufficient liquid content to be free flowing.
- (3) 'Transfer Station' shall mean a facility where the solid waste from several relatively small vehicles is transferred into larger receptable vehicles or containers for hauling to an authorized disposal site.

Section 3. Responsibilities, Duties. In cooperation, with the Department of Public Works, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, shall select the most suitable location(s) for such transfer station(s) within the Dededo/Yigo, Umatac/ Merizo/Inarajan areas, and shall prepare the design of the transfer station and administer the construction thereof. The servicing and maintenance of the transfer station shall be the

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responsibility of the Department of Public Works in cooperation with the District Commissioner(s). Such servicing and maintenance may be performed either directly by the Department of Public Works or by contract with a commercial hauler under its administration. The Administration of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency shall establish rules for the proper use of the transfer station and such rules shall be prominently displayed at the site during its operation. Since knowledge of the transfer station's availability and proper use of area residents is essential, the Administrator of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency shall inform and communicate progress concerning all aspects of the location, design, and construction of the transfer station in cooperation with the District Commissioner(s). Public education efforts shall also be coordinated with the offices of these Commissioner(s).

Section 4. Legislative approval of the site selections is hereby granted, subject to the conditions expressed in Section 3 of this Act.

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Section 5. Design Stipulations.

(a) Refuse container(s) shall be left at the designated sites of such height and dimensions to allow the users to dump their refuse from the upper portion of the transfer station(s) directly and conveniently into the container(s).

(b) If site conditions permit, the transfer station(s) shall be designed and constructed in such a manner that the container(s) position shall be clearly visible by passing traffic in order to allow maximum opportunity for advertisement thereon.

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(c) Notwithstanding laws, rules, and regulations to the contrary, including Sections 17400 and 17401 of the Government Code of Guam, the entire side and rear of the container may be used for the purpose of advertising, provided, however, that the advertising is done in a tasteful manner.

Section 6. The sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Guam Environmental Protection Agency to carry out the site location, design, and construction of transfer stations in Malojloj and Dededo and to educate the residents of the area served in the proper use of transfer stations. Said amount shall include the sum of Ten Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$10,500) in Federal Grants-in-Aid.

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Section 7. The Guam Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Public Works shall jointly or separately, submit to the Speaker of the Legislature a report, upon completion of the projects appropriated for above, outlining the total costs incurred. The report shall also contain estimated annual costs of servicing and maintenance of the transfer stations.

Section 8. Any balance remaining from the appropriation made in Section 6 of this Act as of September 30, 1978 is hereby returned to the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund.

Section 9. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund the sum of Ten Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$10,500) to supplement the appropriation made by Section 1 of Public Law 13-149 to Guam Environmental Protection Agency for contractual services for fiscal year 1977 ending June 30, 1977.

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Section 10. The sum of <u>Rifty-Soven Thousand Five-Hundred</u> Ten Dollars (57,510) is appropriated from the General Fund to the Fourteenth Guam Legislature's Committee on Youth and Senior Citizens for the purpose of initiating and administering a Summer Youth Employment Program, subject to the conditions expressed herein:

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(a) Employment of youths shall be within the Legislative Branch of government. The Legislature may assign students to those businesses in the private sector who wish to participate in providing training and experience to college students. Employment of an eligible youth shall be as much as possible in an area that will be meaningful to the youth's development of a career to include the assigning of student employees to observe work activities in government.

(b) All persons aged 18 or older as of June 20, 1977 shall be eligible for employment, provided however, that they are currently registered in a recognized college or university and must have completed at least one full academic school year.

(c) The Legislature shall pay the student employed under this program the sum of Three Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$3.25) per hour, provided however, that the work for which compensation shall be paid does not exceed thirty-five (35) hours per week per employee and that such work is provided during the period of June 20 through August 19, 1977. Student employees shall not be members of the government of Guam Retirement Fund.

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(d) The Chairman of the Committee on Youth and Senior
Citizens is authorized to expend not more than five per
cent (5%) of the appropriation made above to cover
administrative expenses.

(e) The Chairman of the Committee on Youth and Senior Citizens shall establish such procedures, rules and regulations to assure success of the program, not inconsistent with the conditions prescribed above.

Section 11. The Chairman of the Committee on Youth and Senior Citizens shall submit a report to the Legislature not later than September 23, 1977, which shall include, but not be limited to a detail statement of expenditures, the extent to which the above conditions have been complied with, a review and evaluation of the program and such recommendations for improving the program as may be warranted.

Section 12. All unexpended balances from the appropriation made in Section 10 of this Act existing as of September 1, 1977 is returned to the General Fund.

Section 13. Sections 10, 11 and 12 of this Act shall take effect immediately.

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