## FIFTEENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 1979 (FIRST) Regular Session

This is to certify that Bill No. 44, "An Act to add Chapter IV to Title XLII of the Government Code to prehibit age discrimination in employment practices", was on the 4th day of April 1979, duly and regularly passed.

THOMAS V. C. TANAKA
Speaker

ATTESTED:	
JAMES H. UNDERWOOD Legislative Secretary	
This Act was received by the Governor thin Act was received by the Gov	s 12th day of

SHERRA L. FRANCISCO Assistant Staff Officer Governor's Staff

APPROVED:

DATED: 4/18/79

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Bill No. 44

Introduced by

E. M. Espalden

AN ACT TO ADD CHAPTER IV TO TITLE XLII OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE TO PROHIBIT AGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES.

whereas, the territory's social policy for the aging should ensure that middle aged and older workers have the opportunity to continue in productive employment as long as they wish and are able physically, mentally and medically to maintain the appropriate level of job efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the setting of unrealistic employment or retirement policies based upon age regardless of potential for job performance has become a common practice and may work to the disadvantage of older persons; and

whereas, the incidence of unemployment, especially leng-term unemployment with resultant deterioration of skill, morals, health and employer acceptability is, with respect to elder persons, a serious territorial and national problem; new, therefore,

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

Section 1. Chapter IV is added to Title XLII of the Government Code to read:

"Section 46100. As used in this Chapter:

(a) 'person' means one or more individuals, partnerships, associations, corporations, legal representatives, business trustees, receivers or any organized group of persons;

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(b) 'employer' means the territory of Guam or any authority, board, commission, department or institution thereof, and every other person employing an individual within this territory; and

(c) 'employee' means an individual employed by a person.

Section 46101. Prohibition of age or sex discrimination. It shall be unlawful for an employer:

- (a) to fail or refuse to hire or to discharge any individual or otherwise discriminate against any individual with respect to his compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of such individual's age or sex; or
- (b) to limit, segregate or classify his employees in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive any individual of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect his status as an employee because of such individual's age or sex.

Provided, however, that it shall not be unlawful for any employer to take any affirmative action where such action is based upon reasonable factors other than age or sex.

Section 46102. The prohibition regarding discrimination based on age of this Chapter shall be limited to individuals who are at least forty (40) years of age.

Section 46103. Enforcement. (a) Any person alleging a violation of this Chapter may bring a civil action in the Superior Court for such legal or equitable relief as will effectuate the purposes of this Chapter.

(b) In any action brought to enforce this Chapter, the court shall have jurisdiction to grant such legal or equitable relief as may be appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Chapter, including without limitation judgments compelling employment, recovery of atterney fees, reinstatement or promotion or enforcing the liability for amounts deemed to be unpaid wages.

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Section 46104. Rules and Regulations. The Director of the Department of Labor may issue such rules and regulations as may be considered necessary or appropriate for carrying out this Chapter.

Section 46105. Invalidity. If any provision of this Chapter is held by a court to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Chapter and to this end the provisions of this Chapter are declared severable."