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Introduced by:

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXTENSION OF CREDIT BY AMENDING THE UNIFORM CONSUMER CREDIT CODE, TO SIMPLIFY GUAM CREDIT LAW AND TO HARMONIZE GUAM CREDIT DISCLOSURE LAW WITH THE FEDERAL TRUTH-IN-LENDING LEGISLATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, in 1968, federal statutes (the federal Truth-in-Lending Act) and Guam statutes (the Uniform Consumer Credit Code) were passed which required creditors to disclose in a uniform manner all key terms of consumer credit transactions; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of both the federal Truth-in-Lending Act and the Guam Uniform Consumer Credit Code is to provide understandable and clear disclosures to consumers who obtained credit; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has enacted the Truth-in-Lending Simplification and Reform Act of 1978 as a result of a belief among consumers and creditors alike that the federal Truthin-Lending Act could be substantially improved by providing the consumer with simpler, more understandable information and by making compliance easier for creditors; and

WMERHAS, the Truth-in-Lending Simplification and Reform Act of 1980 which becomes fully effective April 1, 1982 will require different and more understandable disclosure procedures in consumer credit transactions and consumer loans from those currently required by the Uniform Consumer Credit Code of Guam; and

WHEREAS, certain provisions of Guam's Uniform Consumer Credit Code may be inconsistent with the federal law; and

WHEREAS, the interest of both consumers and creditors will be furthered by simplification and reform of the disclosure and other provisions of Guam's Uniform Consumer Credit Code to conform it to the simplified provisions of federal law; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:
Section 1. 14 GCA, Articles 3 and 5 of Chapter 2 (being
Sections 2301 through 2311, inclusive and Sections 2501 through
2505, inclusive) are repealed.

Section 2. 14 GCA, Article 3 of Chapter 3 (being Sections 3301 through 3310, inclusive) is repealed.

Section 3. 14 GCA, Section 5102, is amended to read:

"Section 5102. This Article applies to actions or other proceedings to enforce rights under this Code arising out of consumer credit sales, consumer leases and consumer loans which are payable in installments."

Section 4. 14 GCA, Sections 5202 and 5302, are repealed.

Section 5. Sections 1 through 4 of this Act shall not affect rights and duties matured, or penalties incurred, and proceedings begun before the effective date of this Act.

Section 6. The provisions of Sections 1 through 4 of this Act shall take effect April 1, 1982.

Section 7. Section 21503.2 is added to the Government Code to read:

"Section 21503.2. The Guam Power Authority shall charge customers for electric service at rates which do not exceed those set in rate schedules and rules which were in effect on January 26, 1982."

Section 8. Subsection 4 of Section 21503 of the Government Code is repealed and reenacted to read:

"(4). Collect money from customers using electric service at the rates not to exceed those established pursuant

to Section 21503.2 of this Title and refund charges collected in error in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Board."

Section 9. Chapter VI-A of Title XXII of the Government Code is repealed.

Section 10. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Guam Power Authority for the extension of power lines in Pulantat, Yone and Santa Rita.

Section 11. Subsections (c) and (i) of Section 69 of the Civil Code, as smended, are amended to read:

- (c) Applications for a marriage license shall be made on a form prescribed by the Director of Revenue and Taxation and must be sworn to by both applicants before the Director of Revenue and Taxation or his designee. No license shall be issued until after the expiration of five (5) days after the filing of the application unless the applicants shall pay a waiver fee of Ten Bollars (\$10.00). Upon paying the waiver fee, the Director of Revenue and Taxation or his designee may authorize the immediate issuance of a marriage license.
- (i) A fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) shall accompany each application for a marriage license and shall not be refunded if the license is not issued or used. No marriage license fees collected by the government of Guam prior to the enactment of this subsection shall be refunded."

 Section 12. Sections 1 and 10 of Public Law 16-47 are repealed.