FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE 1951 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Bill Number 53, "An Act to amend Public Law 14, First Guam Legislature, approved May 10, 1951, by broadening the purposes for which guaranteed loans may be made; broadening the definition of lending institutions authorized to make loans; authorizing direct loans in certain instances for approved projects; increasing the amount of the Guarantee Fund; changing the name of the Guam Farm Finance Administration; and authorizing the Board to participate in research and other studies affecting the economic development of Guam," was on the 14th day of August, 1951, duly and regularly passed.

A. B. WON PAT Speaker

ATTESTED:

A. S. N. DUENAS

Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 21st day of August, 1951, at 4:12 o'clock P. M.

R. S. HERMAN Secretary of Guam

APPROVED:

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Bill No. 53 Public Law 31

Introduced by

Jesus J. Okiyama

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

SECTION 1. Public Law 14, First Guam Legislature, approved

May 10, 1951 is amended in the following respects:

Section 1 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. There is hereby established within the government of Guam an agency thereof to be known as the "Guam Finance and Development Administration" (hereinafter sometimes called the "Finance Agency"), with the functions, powers and responsibilities provided in this act and any amendment thereof.

Section 3 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. To augment the credit facilities available for the betterment of the conduct of agricultural, industrial, commercial, construction, housing and related pursuits in Guam, the Finance Agency shall have power to insure or guarantee, as to principal or interest or both, upon such conditions and under such rules and regulations as it may prescribe, from, but only from, the Finance Agency Guarantee Fund hereinafter in Section 4, defined and created, the repayment in whole or in part of any loan made by any public or private lending agency authorized to do business in Guam (hereinafter sometimes called the "Lending Agency").

Section 4 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. There is hereby appropriated from the unencumbered funds of the government of Guam emanating from the sale of any capital assets of the Naval Government of Guam, the sum of nine hundred thousand (\$900,000.00) dollars, to be established and set aside as a separate and special revolving fund (hereinafter sometimes called the "Guarantee Fund") from which Guarantee Fund all obligations and expenditures of the Finance Agency shall be solely and exclusively incurred and paid.

Section 4.1 is added to read as follows:

Sec. 4.1. To further assist the development and advancement of agricultural, industrial, commercial, construction, housing and related pursuits in Guam, the Finance Agency may make direct loans to borrowers in those cases where adequate financing is not available on reasonable terms from a Lending Agency, even with a guarantee from the Guarantee Fund, for a project approved by the Board. Such loans may be made from, but only from, the Finance Agency Guarantee Fund and upon such terms and conditions and under such rules and regulations as the Board may prescribe.

Section 4.2 is added to read as follows:

Sec. 4.2. The Board is authorized to examine, investigate and conduct research and experimental operations in agricultural, industrial, commercial, construction, housing and related pursuits, including but not limited to, the marketing, distribution, manufacture, growth, advertising and exporting aspects of such pursuits on Guam, and to publicize the results of such activities. These activities may be undertaken alone or in conjunction with any public or private agency, and shall be supported by moneys from, but only from the Guarantee Fund and upon such terms and conditions and under such rules and regulations as the Board may prescribe.

Section 5 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. In committing the Guarantee Fund to (1) insure repayment, in whole or in part, of any loan made by the Lending Agency and with regard to which loan the Lending Agency requests such guarantee from the Guarantee Fund, or (2) make a direct loan to a borrow as provided for in Section 4.1, the Board shall exercise the judgment of a reasonable, prudent businessman in evaluating the prospects of the loan's liquidation. The Board shall fix and charge, and may from time to time alter, the rate of a reasonable interest premium with respect to every loan made from or insured by the Guarantee Fund. Whenever the Lending Agency requests the Finance Agency to insure in whole or in part any loan made or to be made by the Lending Agency or whenever a direct loan is made to a borrower as provided in Section 4.1. the Board as condition to its approval thereof, may require such collateral, if any, including mortgages and other security, may require such rights of subrogation and may prescribe such single or serial maturity schedules; provided, that the Guarantee Fund shall be committed to no loan maturing over a period in excess of twenty years; and may establish and from time to time alter such other terms and conditions under such rules and regulations as it may adopt to further the purposes of this act.

Section 7 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Guam Finance and Development Administration Act".

SECTION 2. This Act is an urgency measure and shall become effective upon the date of its approval by the Governor.

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