



FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE
1951 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR


This is to certify that Bill Number 59, "An Act to repeal Chapter 48 of the Civil Regulations with the Force and Effect of Law in Guam as enacted by Guam Congress Bill No. 10; to amend Section 337 of the Penal Code of Guam and to add a new Chapter 48 of the Civil Regulations with the Force and Effect of Law in Guam, relating to cockfighting and declaring the urgency thereof", was on the 17th day of August, 1951, duly and regularly passed.


A. B. WON PAT
Speaker

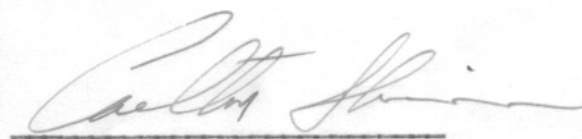
ATTESTED:


A. S. N. DUENAS
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 24th day
of August, 1951, at 11:51 o'clock A.M.


R. S. HERMAN
Secretary of Guam

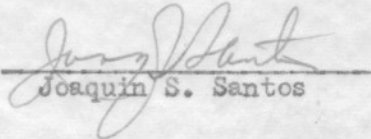
APPROVED:


CARLTON SKINNER
Governor of Guam

Dated: August 29, 1951

1 Bill No. 59

2 Introduced by


3 Joaquin S. Santos

4 An Act to repeal Chapter 48 of the Civil
5 Regulations with the Force and Effect of
6 Law in Guam as enacted by Guam Congress
7 Bill No. 10; to amend Section 337 of the
8 Penal Code of Guam and to add a new Chapter
9 48 of the Civil Regulations with the Force
10 and Effect of Law in Guam, relating to
11 cockfighting, and declaring the urgency
12 thereof.

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

14 Section 1. Chapter 48 of the Civil Regulations with the Force
15 and Effect of Law in Guam as enacted by Guam Congress Bill No. 10 is hereby
16 repealed.

17 Section 2. There is hereby added a new Chapter 48 of the Civil
18 Regulations with the Force and Effect of Law in Guam to read as follows:

19 "Sec. 1. There is hereby established in the Government
20 of Guam a Cockpit License Board (hereinafter referred to as
21 the "Board") which shall consist of three members including
22 the chairman appointed by the Governor with the consent of
23 the Legislature.

24 Sec. 2. The members and chairman of the Board shall be
25 appointed for terms of one year each and shall receive no
26 compensation as such, but may be reimbursed for their reason-
27 able and necessary expenses incurred in the course of their
28 official duties.

29 Sec. 3. The Governor may issue as executive orders and
30 the Board may recommend to the Governor for issuance as
31 executive orders such reasonable rules and regulations, not
32 inconsistent with the laws of Guam as may be necessary or
desirable to enable the board to carry into effect the
provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 4. Within the limits of its authorized budget and

1 consistent with the Compensation Law of Guam, the board may
2 employ and discharge such employees as shall from time to time
3 be necessary in carrying out the duties and responsibilities
4 imposed thereunder.

5 Sec. 5. There may be established as hereinafter provided
6 licensed cockpits in Guam.

7 Sec. 6. Licenses for the operation of cockpits shall be
8 issued by the board only after the awarding of the license as
9 herein provided.

10 Sec. 7. Notice of the proposed awarding of the license
11 for the operation of the cockpit shall be posted in at least
12 three public places, in the municipality for which a license
13 is to be issued for a period of 15 days prior to the date
14 stated in the notice for the receiving of bids for such license.

15 Sec. 8. Bids must be submitted within a period of 10 days
16 from the date fixed in the notice for the receiving of bids.
17 Each bid shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$10.00 which
18 shall not be returned and the amount of such deposits shall
19 be paid into the Treasury of Guam. All bids must be sealed
20 and will be publicly opened 5 days after the expiration of
21 the dates for receiving bids at the hour and place to be
22 stated in the notice. The minimum bid which can be received
23 or accepted by the board for the operation of licensed cockpit
24 shall be the sum of \$500.

25 Sec. 9. The board shall award the license to the highest
26 bidder provided that the bidder is approved by the board. In
27 the event that for any reason the board does not approve the
28 highest bidder, or the highest bid is for any reason otherwise
29 not acceptable to the board, new notices shall be posted and
30 bids received in the same manner as if new notice had hereto-
31 fore been given except, that a bidder who has been disapproved
32 by the board may not submit a new bid.

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Sec. 10. All licenses shall be for a period of two years but may at the expiration of that time be renewed by the board for an additional period of two years upon the payment by the licensee of an amount equal to the amount of his original bid.

Sec. 11. No more than one license for the operation of a cockpit shall be permitted in each municipality and no cockpit shall be located within a radius of 500 yards from the defined limits of a village.

Sec. 12. A license may be suspended or revoked for violation of any section of this Act or any executive orders issued pursuant thereto and all proceedings for such suspension or revocation shall be by the court in the manner provided by the Administrative Adjudication Act.

Sec. 13. No license shall be issued to anyone not a citizen of the United States.

Sec. 14. Cockfights may be held on Sundays, legal holidays or Church holidays or on the Saint's feast day of each village. In addition thereto, additional cockfight events may be held each year upon the approval thereof by a majority of the members of the board.

Sec. 15. The hours of operation of cockpits shall be as follows:

- (a) Sundays, legal and/or Church holidays 0900 to 1830
- (b) Saint's Feast Day of a village 1000 to 1830
- (c) On other authorized days 1000 to 1830

Sec. 16. The admission fee to a cockpit shall be as follows:

- (a) Each person entering the arena with a fighting cock \$1.00
- (b) Each person entering the arena without a fighting cock \$2.00

1 Sec. 17. The amount of a bet placed by any one person
2 on any one combat shall not exceed fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

3 Sec. 18. For each combat between cocks, a fee not to
4 exceed two (2%) per cent of the total amount of bets, will
5 be collected by the holder of the franchise."

6 Section 3. Section 337 of the Penal Code of Guam is amended to
7 read:

8 "337. Cockpits and cockfighting. Every person who shall
9 either: (1) Operate a cockpit without a license; (2) engage
10 in cockfighting (Balentia) outside of a licensed cockpit;
11 (3) permit any person under 18 years of age to attend a
12 licensed cockpit is guilty of a misdemeanor.

13 Section 4. This Act is an urgency measure and shall take
14 effect upon approval by the Governor.