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The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco Speaker Mina'Bente Kuåttro na Liheslaturan Guåhan Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature Guam Legislature Temporary Building 155 Hesler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find Bill No. 437 (COR), "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT §24802(a) OF ARTICLE 8, CHAPTER 24, DIVISION 2 OF TITLE 11 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PUBLICATION OF THE DELINQUENT LIST OF THE PROPERTY ON WHICH TAXES, PENALTIES AND COSTS HAS BEEN MADE", which I have signed into law today as Public Law No. 24-251.

The publication of delinquent property taxes was eliminated because individual property owners are sent bills for their taxes. Since I Liheslaturan Guåhan has made a judgment that it is beneficial to expend the funds to publish delinquent property tax payers in the newspaper, this legislation is signed in to law.

Very truly yours,

Carl T. C. Gutierrez
I Maga'lahen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

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Attachment:

copy attached for signed bill original attached for vetoed bill

cc: The Honorable Joanne M. S. Brown Legislative Secretary

#### MINA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN 1998 (SECOND) Regular Session

#### CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 437 (COR), "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT §24802(a) 0F ARTICLE 8, CHAPTER 24, DIVISION 2 OF TITLE 11 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PUBLICATION OF THE DELINQUENT LIST OF THE PROPERTY ON WHICH TAXES, PENALTIES AND COSTS HAS BEEN MADE," was on the 29th day of July, 1998, duly and regularly passed.

TONIO R. UNPINGCO Speaker Attested: JOANNE M.S. BROW Senator and Legislative Secretary This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guahan this 3rd day of August, 1998, at <u>4:55</u> o'clock <u>P</u>.M. Assistant Staff Officer Maga'lahi's Office APPROVED: CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ I Maga'lahen Guahan 8-14-98 Date:

Public Law No. 24-25

#### MINA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN 1997 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 437 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

T. C. Ada

F. B. Aguon, Jr.

A. C. Blaz

J. M.S. Brown

Felix P. Camacho

Francisco P. Camacho

M. C. Charfauros

E. J. Cruz

W. B.S.M. Flores

Mark Forbes

L. F. Kasperbauer

A. C. Lamorena, V

C. A. Leon Guerrero

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V. C. Pangelinan

J. C. Salas

A. L.G. Santos

F. E. Santos

A. R. Unpingco

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AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT §24802(a) 0F ARTICLE 8, CHAPTER 24, DIVISION 2 OF TITLE 11 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PUBLICATION OF THE DELINQUENT LIST OF THE PROPERTY ON WHICH TAXES, PENALTIES AND COSTS HAS BEEN MADE.

1 BE ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

1 Section 1. Section 24802(a) of Article 8, Chapter 24, Division 2 of Title 2 11 of the Guam Code Annotated is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 3 "Section 24802. Same: Publication. 4 (a) The delinquent list 5 and notice described in §24801 shall be posted in one (1) public place in every village in Guam and published at least once in a daily newspaper 6 7 of general circulation."



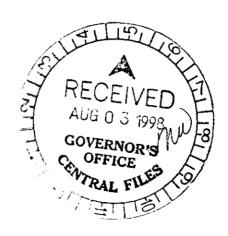


## MINA' BENTE KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÄHAN

155 Hesler Street, Agana, Guam 96910

August 3, 1998

Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez I Maga'lahen Guahan Office of I Maga'lahi Hagåtña, Guam 96910



Dear Maga'lahi Gutierrez:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 110 (COR) 437 (COR) 481 (COR) 510 (COR) 577 (COR) 578 (COR) 617(COR) 646 (COR) AND 529 (LS) which were passed by *I MINA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* on July 29, 1998.

Sincerely,

JOANNE M.S. BROWN

Legislative Secretary

Enclosure: (9)



#### TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE

## Office of the Vice-Speaker

ANTHONY C. BLAZ

May 22, 1998

**LEGISLATIVE** COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Chairman

Education

The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco Speaker, 24th Guam Legislature Finance & Taxation

Vice-Chairman Agana, Guam Rules. Government Reform & Federal Affairs

Via: Committee on Rules

Natural Resources Dear Mr. Speaker:

Health & **Human Services** 

Tourism, Economic Development & Cultural

Judiciary, Public Safety & Consumer Protection

Transportation, Telecommunications. & Micronesian Affairs

Votes of the committee members are as follows:

back with the recommendation TO DO PASS Bill No. 437.

MEMBERSHIP

Guam Finance

Commission on Self Determination

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Sincerely,

ANTHONY C. BLAZ

Attachment

The Committee on Finance & Taxation, to which was referred Bill No. 437: "AN ACT TO REPEAL

ANNOTATED (GCA), RELATIVE TO PUBLICATION OF THE DELINQUENT LIST OF THE PROPERTY ON WHICH TAXES, PENALTIES, AND COSTS HAS BEEN MADE," herein reports

AND REENACT SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 24802 OF TITLE 11, GUAM CODE



#### TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE

## Office of the Vice-Speaker ANTHONY C. BLAZ

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

May 22, 1998

Chairman Finance & Taxation

Vice-Chairman Rules, Government Reform & Federal Affairs

Education

Natural Resources

TO:

All Members

Health & Human Services

Committee on Finance & Taxation

Tourism, Economic Development & Cultural

Affair

Judiciary, Public Safety & Consumer Protection

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RE:

Chairman

Transportation, Telecommunications, & Micronesian Affairs

MEMBERSHIP

Guam Finance Commission

Commission on Self Determination Voting Sheet

Transmitted herewith is the voting sheet and committee report for Bill No. 437 "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 24802 OF TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED (GCA), RELATIVE TO PUBLICATION OF THE DELINQUENT LIST OF THE PROPERTY ON WHICH TAXES, PENALTIES, AND COSTS HAS BEEN MADE."

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

ANTHONY C. BLAZ

Attachments

#### **COMMITTEE ON FINACE & TAXATION**

TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 155 Hesler Street, Agana, Guam 96910

Chairman: Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz Vice Chairman: Senator Mark Forbes Ex-Officio Member: Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco

#### **VOTING SHEET ON:**

Bill No. Bill No. 437(COR) "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 24802 OF TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED (GCA), RELATIVE TO PUBLICATION OF THE DELINQUENT LIST OF THE PROPERTY ON WHICH TAXES, PENALTIES, AND COSTS HAS BEEN MADE."

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Sen. Anthony C. Blaz Chairman	1				
Sen. Mark Forbes Vice-Chairman					
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Sen. Thomas C. Ada Member	2				
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Sen. Edwardo J. Cruz Member					
Sen. William B.S.M. Flores Member					
Sen. Lawrence F. Kasperbauer Member	<u> </u>	<del>\_</del>	<u></u>	<del></del>	
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Sen. Francis E. Santos					



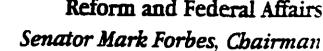
Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz, Chairman

## Committee Report on Bill No. 437

"AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 24802 OF TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED (GCA) RELATIVE TO PUBLICATION OF THE DELINQUENT LIST OF THE PROPERTY ON WHICH TAXES, PENALTIES, AND COSTS HAS BEEN MADE."

ORIGINAL BILL FOR BILL NO. 437

#### 2.th Guam Legislature Committee on Rules, Government Reform and Federal Affairs





DEC 0 5 1997 MEMORANDUM

TO:

Chairman

Committee on Finance and Taxation

FROM:

Chairman

Committee on Rules, Government Reform and Federal Affairs

SUBJECT:

Referral-Bill No. 437

The above Bill is referred to your Committee as the principal committee. It is recommended you schedule a public hearing at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**MARK FORBES** 

Attachment



#### TWENTY FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 1997 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 437 (cox)

Introduced by:

T.C. Ada

AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 24802 OF TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO PUBLICATION OF THE DELINQUENT LIST OF THE PROPERTY ON WHICH TAXES, PENALTIES, AND COSTS HAS BEEN MADE.

#### BE ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

**SECTION 1.** Subsection (a), Section 24802 of Title 11, Guam Code Annotated is repealed and reenacted to read:

"§24802. Same: Publication. (a) The delinquent list and notice described in §24801 shall be posted in one public place in Agana and in one public place in each municipality every village in Guam and published at least once in a daily newspaper of general circulation."



Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz, Chairman

## Committee Report on Bill No. 437

"AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 24802 OF TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED (GCA) RELATIVE TO PUBLICATION OF THE DELINQUENT LIST OF THE PROPERTY ON WHICH TAXES, PENALTIES, AND COSTS HAS BEEN MADE."

COVER SHEET FOR BILL NO. 437



Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz, Chairman

## Committee Report on Bill No. 437(COR)

"AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 24802 OF TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED (GCA), RELATIVE TO PUBLICATION OF THE DELINQUENT LIST OF THE PROPERTY ON WHICH TAXES, PENALTIES, AND COSTS HAS BEEN MADE."

#### I. OVERVIEW:

The Committee on Finance and Taxation held a public hearing on Wednesday, March 25, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. in the Legislative Public Hearing Room to hear public testimony on Bill 437(COR). Public Notice was announced and published on Friday, March 20, 1998 and Tuesday, March 24, 1998 issues of the Pacific Daily News.

#### II. COMMITT. A MEMBERS PRESENT:

The hearing was called to order by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz.

Other members of the Committee on Finance and Taxation present were:

Senator Edwardo J. Cruz, Member

Senator Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Member

#### Other Senators present were:

Senator Francisco P. Camacho

Senator Frank B. Aguon

Senator T. C. Ada

#### **Providing Public Testimony on the Bill:**

Joseph T. Duenas, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation, Written/Oral

#### III. BACKGROUND ON BILL 437:

#### Findings of Necessity and Declaration of Purposes.

According to the author of Bill 437, Senator T. C. Ada, the notice of delinquent taxes, penalties, etc. on real property is considerably lacking in that insufficient notice is being made at present.

The bill proposes to mandate that the delinquent list and notice described in §24801 shall be posted in one public place in every village in Guam and published at lease once in a daily newspaper of general circulation.

It is the intent of the Legislature to provide more notice than what is currently being done by the Department of Revenue and Taxation.

#### **SUMMARY OF TESTIMONIES:**

#### **FAVORABLE**:

No one submitted any favorable testimony at the public hearing.

#### **UNFAVORABLE**:

Mr. Joseph T. Duenas, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation submitted his oral testimony supported by his written testimony dated March 26, 1998 stating that, "We believe that the current statute relating the Real Property Tax Delinquent Roll are adequate, and that current law protects both the property owner and the Government of Guam on the collection of real property tax delinquencies.

Mr. Duenas further stated in his written testimony that, "The cost associated with a "one-day" publication of the delinquent list in a daily newspaper is \$47,000 to \$50,000 and is quite significant. As we continue to face budgetary constraints, we strongly oppose this added cost that is unwarranted and unnecessary."

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee, having conducted a sufficient hearing, does hereby recommend to the Legislature <u>TO DO PASS</u>, as substituted by the Committee, Bill 437(COR)- "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 24802 OF TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED (GCA), RELATIVE TO PUBLICATION OF THE

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Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz, Chairman

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SIGN-IN SHEET FOR BILL NO. 437

# Committee on Finance and Taxation Guam Legislature Building, Public Hearing Room Public Hearing Wednesday, March 25, 1998 9:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

#### BILL 437 (T. C. Ada)

An Act to Repeal and Reenact Subsection (a) of Section 24802 of Title 11 GCA Relative to Publication of the Delinquent List of the Property on Which Taxes, Penalties, and Costs Has Been Made.

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Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz, Chairman

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TESTIMONIES FOR BILL NO. 437 **GOVERNMENT OF GUAM** 

JOSEPH T. DUENAS, Director / Direktot CARL E. TORRES, Deputy Director Sigundo Direktot

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MAR 26 1998

The Honorable Anthony C. Blaz Chairman Committee on Finance and Taxation Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature 155 Hesler Street Agana, Guam 96910

Hafa Adai Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Joseph T. Duenas and I am the Director of the Department of Revenue and Taxation. I am submitting written testimony on Bill No. 437 (Cor) which is an act to repeal and reenact subsection (a) of Section 24802, Title 11, GCA.

We believe that the current statutes relating to the Real Property Tax Delinquent Roll are adequate, and that current law protects both the property owner and the Government on the collection of real property tax delinquencies.

The costs associated with a "one-day" publication of the delinquent list in a daily newspaper is \$47,000,00 - \$50,000.00 and is quite significant. As we continue to face budgetary constraints, we strongly oppose this added cost that is unwarranted and unnecessary.

Since current statutes are already in place for the efficient fiscal administration and in the public interest, we oppose Bill No. 437 (Cor).

Thank you for allowing me to testify on Bill No. 437 (Cor).

Sincerely,

JOSEPH T. DUENAS

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Director



Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz, Chairman

## Committee Report on Bill No. 437

"AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 24802 OF TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED (GCA) RELATIVE TO PUBLICATION OF THE DELINQUENT LIST OF THE PROPERTY ON WHICH TAXES, PENALTIES, AND COSTS HAS BEEN MADE."

FISCAL NOTE FOR BILL NO. 437

### FISCAL NOTE BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH

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Bill Number:	437(cor)	437(cor)			eceived:	Decemb	December 10, 1997		
Amendatory Bill:	No						anuary 14, 1998		
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	Agency Head: Joseph Duenas, Director								
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**FOOTNOTES:** If Bill 437 proposes to mandate that the delinquent list of property taxes be posted in one public place in every village and be published at least once in a daily newspaper of general circulation. It eliminates the need to post the list in Agans. The fiscal impact primarily is the advertising expense of publishing the list which is relatively minimal. However such a measure will increase the collection of delinquent property taxes.