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The Honorable Joanne M. S. Brown Legislative Secretary I Mina'Bente Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan Twenty-Fifth Guam Legislature Suite 200 130 Aspinal Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Legislative Secretary Brown:

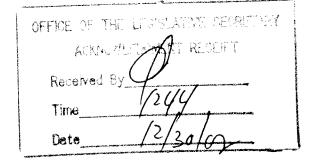
Enclosed please find Substitute Bill No. 343 (COR), "AN ACT TO ELIMINATE VARIOUS LEGAL HOLIDAYS BY AMENDING 1 GCA §§ 1000 AND 1017; TO REPEAL 1 GCA CHAPTER 10 §1001; AND TO TAKE OTHER STEPS TO PREVENT UNAFFORDABLE EXPENDITURES PENDING THE INAUGURATION OF A NEW ADMINISTRATION", which was enacted into law on December 15, 2002 without the signature of the Governor and is now designated as **Public Law No. 26-157.** 

Very truly yours,

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

Attachment: copy attached for signed bill or overridden bill original attached for vetoed bill

cc: The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco Speaker



### MINA'BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2002 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 343 (COR) "AN ACT TO ELIMINATE VARIOUS LEGAL HOLIDAYS BY AMENDING 1 GCA §§ 1000 AND 1017; TO REPEAL 1 GCA CHAPTER 10 §1001; AND TO TAKE OTHER STEPS TO PREVENT UNAFFORDABLE EXPENDITURES PENDING THE INAUGURATION OF A NEW ADMINISTRATION," was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2002, duly and regularly passed,—

ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO **Speaker** Attested: JOANNE M.S. BROWN Senator and Legislative Secretary This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guåhan this 3th day of December, 2002. Assistant Staff Officer Maga'lahi's Office APPROVED: CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ I Maga'lahen Guåhan Date: December 15 2002

Public Law No. <u>26 - 157</u>

the Governor of Guam.

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### MINA'BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2002 (SECOND) Regular Session

#### Bill No. 343 (COR)

As substituted by the Author and amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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M. C. Charfauros
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7 holiday set aside for the inauguration of I Maga'lahen Guåhan and I Segundu na

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Section 4. Freeze on legislative employment and pay raises. *I Mina*Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan shall hire no new employees, whether to fill
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1 Section 1000 of Title 1 of the Guam Code Annotated is Section 5. 2 repealed and re-enacted to read: 3 "Section 1000. Holidays. (a) The holidays of Guam are: 4 New Year's Day; 5 Memorial Day, the last Monday in May; 6 Independence Day, July 4th; 7 Liberation Day, July 21st; 8 Labor Day, the first Monday in September; 9 All Souls' Day, November 2; 10 Veterans' Day, November 11; 11 Thanksgiving, the fourth Thursday in November; 12 Our Lady of Camarin Day, December 8; and Christmas, December 25th. 13 Whenever a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, neither 14 (b) 15 the preceding Friday nor the following Monday shall be a holiday." Section 6. Section 1017 of Title 1 of the Guam Code Annotated is 16 17 amended to read: 18 "Section 1017. Gubernatorial Inauguration Day. The first Monday in January of every fourth year, beginning with January 1971, is 19 a designated Gubernatorial Inauguration Day, on which day I20 Maga'lahen Guåhan and I Segundu na Maga'lahen Guåhan elected in the 21 22 general election preceding such day shall be sworn into office. The inauguration shall be arranged by I Maga'lahen Guåhan-elect's Transition 23

Committee, which shall coordinate its planning with the incumbent *I*Maga'lahen Guåhan.

Section 7. Repeal of inconsistent law. Section 1001 of Chapter 10 of Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *repealed* in its entirety.

5 **Section 8. Immediate effect.** This Act shall have immediate effect.

Section 9. Severability. If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

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# I MINA' BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN

2002 (SECOND) Regular Session

Date: 12/3/02

#### **VOTING SHEET**

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- 4 Government of Guam in an ever-tightening economic dilemma.
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- 6 employees and workers in both the public and private sectors worry that their
- 7 salaries may be reduced or, worse still, their positions may be abolished.
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- 9 While the Legislature is not disposed to impose an across-the-board pay
- 10 reduction for all government employees or ordering massive reductions in
- 11 force, there are cost-reduction steps that can be immediately implemented to
- 12 conserve the government's limited financial resources. Among these are the
- 13 freezing of all pay increases and limiting the appointment of new employees
- 14 in the classified service of the Executive and Legislative branches through
- 15 January 6, 2003; and reducing the number of paid holidays for government
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- 17 times to eliminate the once-every-four-year holiday set aside for the
- inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor/and to mandate that
- 19 the inauguration of leaders of the Executive Branch be dignified, modest, brief
- and not disruptive to general government services that would otherwise occur
- 21 on that day.
- The Legislature finds that the following steps are necessary to preserve
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- 24 2103, as an emergency necessary to assure the public health and safety of the
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Section 2. Pay increases barred through January 6, 2003. No person employed in any branch of the government of Guam, including those employed in autonomous agencies, however denominated, shall receive a pay increase of any kind through January 6, 2003. Any personnel action executed in violation of this paragraph shall be a nullity and no pay increase shall be paid to any person on the basis of such a personnel action. Any person executing or attempting to execute a personnel action in violation of this paragraph shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree. This paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit the promotion of a qualified person within the merit system to a vacant higher paying position, provided funds have been appropriated and are available for the payment of the salary of the higher paying position.

Section 3. Limitation on the filling of vacancies in the classified service. No person shall be hired in the classified service of the Executive or Judicial Branch to fill any vacancy occurring after the effective date of this act except upon a written determination by the appointing authority that such hiring is necessary to preserve the health or safety of the people of Guam. The appointing authority of the Executive or Judicial Branch hiring any person in the classified service after the effective date of this act shall give the Speaker of the Legislature written notice of such hiring within five (5) days of its occurrence. Any citizen may challenge the necessity of such hiring by an action for declaratory judgment filed in the Superior Court. In such an action, the defendant's time for answering the complaint shall be five (5) days. Upon a finding by the Superior Court that an appointment is not necessary to preserve the health or safety of the people of Guam, the appointment shall be

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# FLOOR AMENDMENTS/CHANGES Bill No. Senator Proposing Amendment: <u>K. Moylan</u>

Amend line 16 of page 3 of the Bill (Section 3) to read:

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Veterans' Day, November 11;

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# I MINA'BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

#### FLOOR AMENDMENTS/CHANGES Bill No. 343

N.	Senator Proposing Amendr	nent: L.A. Leon Guerrero
Plea	(Below for see describe proposed amendment, inclu	Senator to complete) ading where change to occur:
Ame	end Section 4 of Bill 343 to read as follows:	
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(b) Whenever All Souls' Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, neither the preceding Friday nor the following Monday shall be a holiday."

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Section 6. Section 4109.5 is added to Title 4 of the Guam Code Annotated to read:

"Section 4109.5. Personal holiday. Every employee, upon the completion of six (6) months of his or her initial period as a classified or unclassified employee, shall be entitled to one personal holiday per fiscal year. The personal holiday shall be credited to each full-time employee on the first day of October. The department head or his or her designee may require the employee to provide five (5) working days' advance notice before a personal holiday is taken, and the department head or his or her designee may deny the use subject to operational needs. No premium pay shall be paid for the personal holiday chosen by the employee. The Civil Service Commission may provide by rule for the granting of this holiday."

**Section 7.** Section 1017 of Title 1 of the Guam Code Annotated is amended to read:

"Section 1017. Gubernatorial Inauguration Day. The first Monday in January of every fourth year, beginning with January 1971, is a limited holiday, as that term is defined by Section 1003 of Title 1, designated Gubernatorial Inauguration Day, on which day the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elected in the general election preceding such day shall be sworn into office. The inauguration [ceremony] shall be arranged by the Governor-elect's Transition

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# FLOOR AMENDMENTS/CHANGES Bill No. 343 Proposing Amendment: F. Camach

Senator Proposing Amendment: F. Camacho
a. Delete line 21 on page 5 of the Bill (Section 7), and delete the underlined portions of lines 2 through 6 on page 6 of the Bill (Section 7).
b. On page 2 of the Bill, delete the following words from lines 18 through 21, after the term "Lieutenant Governor" in line 18, (Section 1):  "and to mandate that the inauguration of leaders of the Executive Branch be dignified, modest, brief and not disruptive to general government services that would otherwise occur on that day"
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#### FLOOR AMENDMENTS/CHANGES Bill No. 343

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Section 3. Limitation on the filling of vacancies in the classified No person shall be hired in the classified service of the Executive service. or Judicial Branch to fill any vacancy occurring after the effective date of this act through January 6, 2003, except upon a written determination by the appointing authority that such hiring is necessary to preserve the health or safety of the people of Guam. The appointing authority of the Executive or Judicial Branch hiring any person in the classified service after the effective date of this act shall give the Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan written notice of such hiring within five (5) days of its occurrence. Any citizen may challenge the necessity of such hiring by an action for declaratory judgment filed in the Superior Court. In such an action, the defendant's time for answering the complaint shall be five (5) days. Upon a finding by the Superior Court that an appointment is not necessary to preserve the health or safety of the people of Guam, the appointment shall be void. Although a defendant may appeal the decision of the Superior Court to the Supreme Court, the decision ordering that the appointment be void shall not be stayed pending the appeal. A citizen who prevails in such an action shall be awarded reasonable attorney's fees and costs, which sum shall be paid from the allotment appropriated to the agency or entity that is found to have violated this section of this Act.

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Section 4. Freeze on legislative employment and pay raises. *I Mina Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* shall hire no new employees, whether to fill a new position or to fill a vacancy however caused, through January 6, 2003. No person employed by *I Mina Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on the effective date of this Act shall have his or her rate of pay increased through January 6, 2003.

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12	Our hadyo Camarin Remembrance Day, December 8; and
13	Christmas, December 25 <sup>th</sup> .
14	(b) Whenever a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, neither
15	the preceding Friday nor the following Monday shall be a holiday."
16	Section 6. Section 1017 of Title 1 of the Guam Code Annotated is
17	amended to read:
18	"Section 1017. Gubernatorial Inauguration Day. The first
19	Monday in January of every fourth year, beginning with January 1971, is
20	a designated Gubernatorial Inauguration Day, on which day $\it I$
21	Maga'lahen Guåhan and I Segundu na Maga'lahen Guåhan elected in the
22	general election preceding such day shall be sworn into office. The
23	inauguration shall be arranged by I Maga'lahen Guåhan-elect's Transition

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- 1 Committee, which shall coordinate its planning with the incumbent *I*
- 2 Maga'lahen Guåhan.
- 3 Section 7. Repeal of inconsistent law. Section 1001 of Chapter 10 of
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- 7 application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to
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- 9 which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to
- 10 this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

# MINA'BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2002 (SECOND) Regular Session

To: All Senators

Report from Legal Counsel pertaining to Bill No. 343 as modified following movement from the Second Reading File to the Third Reading File.

As the amendments to the substantive provisions of the bill modified its content, Legal Counsel has modified the description of the Act preceding the bill language to delete the reference to adding a personal leave day and inserting the repeal of 1 GCA Chapter 10, §1001. The word "homeported" as stated in the bill was corrected to read "home ported," the prior "Section 6" was deleted, and the remaining sections advance in number except for the insertion of a new section, "Section 7" which is the amendment of Senator Won Pat approved without objection to repeal 1 GCA Chapter 10 §1001.

A search of the Guam Code Annotated on Westlaw indicated the following relevant provisions were identified when the search parameters were statutes including all the following words, "employee, holiday and pay." None of these provisions appear to be in conflict with the language of the proposed bill.

GU ST T. 4, Sec. 6219	Firemen: Compensation: Annual and Sick Leave.
GU ST T. 4, Sec. 6226	Employees: Compensation During Typhoons: Exceptions.
GU ST T. 4, Sec. 6229.7	Work Compensation.
GU ST T. 5, Sec. 22423	Retirement Contributions and Personnel Benefits Funds.
GU ST T. 22, Sec. 3213	Statement of Wages Not Paid.

Another provision of Guam law dealing with holidays that you may desire to review relative to government holidays that may result in holiday pay to government employees is as follows:

§ 1003. Special or Limited Holidays; Transaction of Business on.

A Special or Limited Holiday is a holiday applying only to a special class or classes of business, or a special class or classes of persons, and not appointed to be generally observed throughout the Territory by all classes of business and all classes of persons.

General Materials (GM) - References, Annotations, or Tables

NOTES, REFERENCES, AND ANNOTATIONS

On any Special or Limited Holiday appointed by the President of the United States or the Governor of Guam, all courts and offices of the government shall be open and function in their normal and usual manner. All other public

functions shall be performed as on days which are not holidays, and all contracts shall be performed and business transacted as usual, except only as to or by the particular class of business or persons expressly limited or restricted by the provisions of the proclamation appointing or declaring such special or limited holiday.

SOURCE: Former Government Code § 203 with reference to political subdivisions and municipalities is omitted, as this was a copy of a former California statute. At this time, Guam has no political subdivisions or municipalities which are separate political entities.

As to the provisions of Bill No. 343 amending the language of 1 G.C.A. §1017, the draft submitted for third reading contains in a shaded portion, the insertion of the Chamorro language title of each respective office. Senators may consider this an inappropriate modification by Legal Counsel and desire to strike the language as not officially included in Bill No. 343 as submitted and amended by the Legislature or alternatively to move for such amendment and adoption of the language as submitted at the time of the Third Reading.



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Senadot Mark Forbes, Gebilu Kabisiyon Mayurat

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Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco I Mina' Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 155 Hesler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs, to which Bill No. 343, was referred, wishes to report its findings and recommendations TO DO PASS BILL NO. 343: "An Act To Repeal And Reenact Section 1000, Repeal Section 1001 Of Title 1 And To Add Section 4109.5 Of Title 4 Of The Guam Code Annotated Relative To The Reduction Of The Number Of Government Of Guam Holidays."

The voting record is as follows:

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Copies of the Committee Report and other pertinent documents are attached. Thank you and si Yu'os ma'ase

for your attention to this matter.

MARK FORBES

Attachments



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02 DEC 2002

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Committee Members

FROM:

Chairman

**SUBJECT:** 

Committee Report- BILL NO. 343: "An Act To Repeal And Reenact Section 1000, Repeal Section 1001 Of Title 1 And To Add Section 4109.5 Of Title 4 Of The Guam Code Annotated Relative To The Reduction Of The Number Of Government Of Guam

Holidays."

Transmitted herewith for your information and action is the report on Bill No. 343, from the Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs.

This memorandum is accompanied by the following:

- 1. Committee Voting Sheet
- 2. Committee Report
- 3. Bill No.343
- 4. Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- 5. Fiscal Note/Fiscal Note Waiver
- 6. Notice of Public Hearing

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions regarding the report or accompanying documents, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you and si Yu'os ma'ase.

**MARK FORBES** 

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# <u>Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs</u>

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#### **Voting Record**

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#### Mina Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan 2002 (Second) Regular Session

Bill No. 343 (COR)

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AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION 1000, REPEAL SECTION 1001 OF TITLE 1 AND TO ADD SECTION 4109.5 OF TITLE 4 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT OF GUAM HOLIDAYS.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Statement of Legislative Findings: The long hoped for recovery of Guam's economy has yet to materialize. Although there have been modest gains in the number of visitors coming to the island, the comparative count of visitors in 2002 still trails 2001 on a month to month basis. The private sector continues to struggle to stay afloat. Military activity on the island appears on the upswing but much of it is short lived, such as the recent visit to Guam of the USS Kitty Hawk and other ships. Other anticipated developments are not occurring as quickly as hoped, for instance the home-porting of the submarines San Francisco and Corpus Christi.

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The 26th Guam Legislature finds that the following steps are necessary to preserve essential government services and enacts this measure, pursuant to 2 GCA 2103, as an emergency measure necessary to assure the public health and safety of the community.

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Section 5. Exception for federally funded jobs. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6 of Public Law 26-83, nothing shall prohibit the filling of a vacancy in the classified service if the position is one hundred percent (100%) federally funded. Appointment of a person to a one hundred percent (100%) federal funded position shall not relieve the appointing authority of the duty to inform the speaker in writing within five (5) days of the filling of such position.

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# COMMITTEE ON RULES, GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, REORGANIZATION AND REFORM, AND FEDERAL, FOREIGN AND GENERAL AFFAIRS

# SENATOR MARK FORBES, CHAIRMAN

# COMMITTEE REPORT ON BILL NO. 343:

"AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION 1000, REPEAL SECTION 1001 OF TITLE 1 AND TO ADD SECTION 4109.5 OF TITLE 4 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT OF GUAM HOLIDAYS."

#### I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs held a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on August 12, 2002 in the Public Hearing Room, Temporary Legislative Building, Hagatna, Guam. Public Notice was provided to the media on August 09, 2002.

Senators present at the public hearing were:

Senator Mark Forbes, Chairman

Senator Eddie B. Calvo, Member

Senator Larry Kasperbauer, Member

Senator Tom Ada, Member

Senator Lou Leon Guerrero, Member

Senator Ben Pangelinan, Member

#### II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

There were no testimonies (oral or written) presented to the committee for Bill No. 343.

#### III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs finds that Bill No. 343 is intended to preserve essential government services and assure the public health and safety of the community in light of the financial crisis that our government and our island is facing.

Accordingly, the Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs, to which Bill No 343 was referred does hereby submit its findings and recommendations to I Mina' Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan **TO DO PASS BILL NO. 343**: "An Act To Repeal And Reenact Section 1000, Repeal Section 1001 Of Title 1 And To Add Section 4109.5 Of Title 4 Of The Guam Code Annotated Relative To The Reduction Of The Number Of Government Of Guam Holidays".



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Senadot Mark Forbes, Gebilu Kabisiyon Mayurdt

0 8 AUG 2002

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Chairman

Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and

Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs

FROM:

Chairman

Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and

Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs

SUBJECT:

Principal Referral - Bill No. 343 (COR)

The above bill is referred to your Committee as the Principal Committee, in accordance with Section 6.04.05.01. of the Standing Rules. Your Committee is the Committee authorized to perform the public hearing on this bill and to amend or substitute the bill, as well as report the bill out to the Body. It is recommended that you schedule a public hearing at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

#### **MARK FORBES**

Attachment



#### Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization & Reform, and Federal, Foreign & General Affairs Senator Mark Forbes, Chairman

Public Hearing August 12, 2002 10:00 A.M. I Liheslaturan Guahan, Hagåtña

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#### **WAIVER OF FISCAL NOTE**

In accordance with §9105 Title 2 GCA, I hereby certify that prompt committee action on Bill 343 is necessary to the proper conduct of legislative business. Therefore, I am waiving requirement of a fiscal note on Bill 343.

MARK FORBES

Chairman,

Committee on Rules, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs Citation/Title
GU ST T. 1, Sec. 1000, Holidays.

\*218 1 G.C.A. § 1000

#### GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TITLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS CHAPTER 10. HOLIDAYS, FESTIVITIES, TIME, ETC.

Current through P.L. 26-72 (2001)

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#### Mina Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan

2002 (Second) Regular Session

Bill No. 3 43 (COR)

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