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The Honorable Vicente C. Pangelinan Speaker Mina'Bente Siete Na Liheslaturan Guåhan Twenty-Seventh Guam Legislature 155 Hesler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Pangelinan:

Transmitted herewith please find Bill No. 47 (COR) "AN ACT TO ADD §1520 TO TITTLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM, I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN, TO ISSUE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BONDS AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING CERTAIN GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EXPENSES; AND TO AMEND FOR RELATED PURPOSES CERTAIN RELATED PROVISIONS OF LAW," which I have signed into law on April 28, 2003 as Public Law 27-19.

Mr. Speaker, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* is to be commended for their efforts in the passage of Bill No. 47. Public Law 27-19 is an important component in addressing the accumulated deficit and provides us the opportunity to reorganize the government in a more manageable way. In this light, I will be transmitting this week the Fiscal Year 2004 budget that will provide the blueprint for a government reorganization and consolidation plan.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that Public Law 27-19 will allow the government to seek immediate cash infusion through an accelerated financing vehicle – the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN). Because the authorization of these funds will be effective when financing is approved by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the bonds authorized, I will be proceeding with a sense of urgency to secure that final step. I am also urging that *I Liheslaturan Guahan* consider the following amendments:

1. To include the \$17,254,667 for Guam Memorial Hospital past due retirement contributions contained in my initial proposal. This will further address the unfunded liability issue and will give us a notch up on our credit rating currently up for review;

- 2. To include some \$20 Million to go towards the closure of the Ordot Landfill and the opening of a sanitary landfill. With EPA fines looming, this could become an obligation we will not be in a position to address;
- 3. To include some \$20 Million to fund Guam's share of FEMA funds towards recovery; the final amount needed will depend on approval of a waiver on immediate needs funding from Supertyphoon Pongsona; and
- 4. Lastly, to include at least \$6 Million for the Guam Visitor's Bureau for economic stimulus in light of substantially diminished revenues and the continuing uncertainties resulting from the Iraq War, the SARS threat, and North Korea's nuclear threat.

These amendments will go a long way in addressing both the accumulated deficit and this government's structural deficit. In addition, it will serve to strengthen our position with Standard & Poor's and potential bond insurers.

Mr. Speaker, our financial quagmire will continue to present new challenges in the days and months ahead. I am grateful for all your efforts and I continue to pledge my cooperation and that of my entire Administration in addressing the pressing issues facing our island community. I look forward to constructive deliberations during the upcoming budget talks.

Sincerely,

FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'Lahen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy attached of signed bill

cc: The Honorable Tina Rose Muña-Barnes Senator and Legislative Secretary

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I MINA'BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2003 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Bill No. 47 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD §1520 TO TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM, I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN, TO ISSUE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BONDS AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING CERTAIN GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EXPENSES; AND TO AMEND FOR RELATED PURPOSES CERTAIN RELATED PROVISIONS OF LAW," was on the 16th day of April, 2003, duly and regularly passed.

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-	vicente (ben) c. pangelinan Speaker
Tina Rose Muña-Barnes Senator and Legislative Secretary	
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FELIX P. CAMACHO I Maga'lahen Guahan	
Date: April 28, 2003	
Public Law No. 27-19	

MINA'BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2003 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 47 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Economic Development, Retirement, Investments, Public Works & Regulatory Functions, and as amended in the Committee of the Whole.

Introduced by:

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Committee on Economic Development, Retirement, Investments, Public Works & Regulatory Functions

By request of I Maga'lahen Guåhan, the Governor of Guam, in accordance with the Organic Act of Guam, as amended

AN ACT TO ADD §1520 TO TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM, I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN, TO ISSUE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BONDS AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING CERTAIN GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EXPENSES; AND TO AMEND FOR RELATED PURPOSES CERTAIN RELATED PROVISIONS OF LAW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan

 hereby finds that the accumulated General Fund deficit will result in current
- 4 revenues available in the General Fund being insufficient to pay certain
- 5 obligations of the General Fund and that a mechanism is needed to provide

the necessary cash to the General Fund to pay such obligations until a surplus of current revenues over current expenditures can retire the deficit. I Liheslaturan Guåhan hereby also finds that through the issuance of bond anticipation notes and bonds as provided herein the government can fund its current needs while retiring the deficit over time. I Liheslaturan Guåhan therefore hereby authorizes the issuance of bond anticipation notes and bonds as provided herein, provides for said notes and bonds to be used to finance the deficit so that it may be retired over time, and amends certain related provisions of law.

Section 2. A new Section 1520 is hereby *added* to Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

"§1520. Authorization to Issue Bonds for Deficit Financing.

(a) Authorization of Issuance of Bonds. The Governor of Guam, I Maga'lahen Guåhan, is authorized to issue one or more series of bonds of the government of Guam as provided in this Section, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the amount necessary to provide Two Hundred Eighteen Million Three Hundred Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars (\$218,309,857) for the payment of the General Fund expenses listed in subsection (m) (other than subsection (m)(vii) of this Section) and in an aggregate principal amount necessary to provide Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000) for the payment of the General Fund expenses listed in subsection (m)(vii), and in each case to fund necessary reserves and to pay

expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of such bonds not already included in an existing appropriation for or the regular budget of any government agency or instrumentality or public corporation providing any service in connection with the issuance of such bonds; provided, however, that bonds may not be issued in an amount that would cause a violation of the debt limitation provisions of 48 USC 1423a (§11 of the Organic Act of Guam).

(b) Authorization of Issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes. The Governor, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*, is also authorized to issue one or more series of bond anticipation notes of the government of

Guam as provided in this Section, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the amount necessary to provide Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000) for any of the purposes for which the bonds described in subsection (a) of this Section are authorized. Unless otherwise expressly provided, the term "bonds" as used in this Section shall include the notes, but the term "notes" shall be limited to the bond anticipation notes. Participation of banks doing business on Guam shall not be restricted. The authorization in this subsection (b) for the issuance of the Bond Anticipation Notes shall be effective when the financing is approved by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the bonds authorized in subsection (a) of this Section 1520.

(c) Terms and Conditions Determined by Certificate or Indenture. The terms and conditions of the bonds shall be as determined by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* by the execution of a certificate or indenture authorizing the issuance of the bonds upon or prior to the issuance of the bonds; provided, however, that such terms and conditions shall be consistent with this Section, and that the bonds shall mature not later than the year 2024, and shall bear interest at such rates and be sold for such price or prices as shall result in a yield to the bondholders not exceeding six and one-half percent (6.5%) per annum.

(d) Valid and Binding Limited Obligations. Except as may be determined by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* in accordance with this subsection (d), any bonds authorized by this Section shall constitute the valid and legally binding limited obligations of the government of Guam payable from and secured by a pledge of the revenues described in subsection (e) of this Section. Any notes authorized by this Section may also be payable from and secured by a pledge of the proceeds of the bonds authorized by this Section. As determined by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*, any bonds authorized by this Section may constitute the valid and binding general obligations of the government of Guam. To the extent *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* makes such a determination (i) the government of Guam pledges its full faith and credit for the punctual payment of both principal of and interest on the bonds and covenants that

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bonds, (ii) such pledge shall be valid and binding from the time the pledge is made, and (iii) there are hereby appropriated from the General Fund such sums as will equal in each year the amount of money necessary to pay the principal and interest on such bonds. All officers charged by law with any duty in the collection of the revenues of the government from which debt service on the bonds will be payable shall do every lawful thing necessary to collect such sum. The validity of any such bonds shall not be affected by the validity or regularity of any proceedings for the payment of the General Fund expenses funded by the bonds. (e) Source of and Security for Payment. Except as may be determined by I Maga'lahen Guåhan in accordance with subsection (d) of this Section, the bonds shall be made payable solely from, and shall be secured solely by a pledge of, any or all of the revenues derived by the government of Guam from taxes against persons on account of their businesses and other activities in Guam whether now or hereafter imposed or levied by the

government pursuant to Section 26201 of Chapter 26 of Division 2

of Title 11, Guam Code Annotated or any other provision of law

(collectively, the "Revenues") and shall not be payable from or

secured by any other source or sources of revenue except as may

be authorized by statute, except that the notes may also be

there shall be collected annually in the same manner and at the

same time as government revenue for other purposes is collected,

such sum as is required to pay the principal of and interest on the

payable from and secured by a pledge of the proceeds of the bonds. Any such pledge made hereunder shall be valid and binding from the time the pledge is made. The revenues pledged and thereafter received by the government of Guam or by any trustee, depository or custodian shall be deposited in a separate account and shall be immediately subject to the lien of such pledge without any physical delivery thereof or further act, and the lien of such pledge shall be valid and binding against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the government of Guam or such trustee, depository or custodian, irrespective of whether the parties have notice thereof. The indenture or certificate by which such pledge is created need not be recorded. Any such pledge may be made subordinate to the use of Revenues to pay existing general obligation debts of the government of Guam.

- (f) Appropriation of Revenues. All Revenues are hereby appropriated for the purposes of paying the principal and interest on the bonds issued pursuant to this Section and the obligations incurred by the government pursuant to subsections (j) and (k) of this Section. Revenues released from the lien of the indenture or certificate pursuant to which the bonds are issued shall be available for appropriation by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for any other lawful purpose.
- (g) Additional Bonds. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prevent the government of Guam from issuing, after

appropriate enabling legislation, other obligations of the government secured by revenues on a parity with or subordinate to the bonds authorized by this Section on such terms as may be provided by the indenture or certificate pursuant to which the bonds are issued. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prevent the government of Guam from issuing, after appropriate enabling legislation, other obligations of the government secured by the general obligation of the government on a parity with or subordinate to the bonds authorized by this Section on such terms as may be provided by the indenture or certificate pursuant to which the bonds are issued.

- (h) Waiver of Immunity; Submission to Jurisdiction. Notwithstanding any substantive or procedural provision of Chapter 6 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, the government of Guam waives immunity from any suit or action in contract on the bonds, but does not waive sovereign immunity as to the personal liability of elected officials and employees of the government of Guam. The government hereby submits to jurisdiction of the Federal District Court for the District of Guam for purposes of any such suit or action in contract on the bonds.
- (i) No Personal Liability. No employee or elected official of the government of Guam shall be individually or personally liable for the payment of any amounts due on any bonds issued under this Section, or for any other liability arising in connection with the bonds; provided, however, that nothing in this Section

shall relieve any employee or elected official from the performance of any ministerial duty required by law.

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(i) Form of Bonds; Covenants; Appointment Fiduciaries. The technical form and language of the bonds, provisions for execution, exchange, including registration, paying agency, lost or mutilated bonds, negotiability, cancellation and other terms or conditions not inconsistent with this Section, including covenants relating to the collection of revenues, shall be as specified in the certificate or indenture executed by the Governor, I Maga'lahen Guåhan, authorizing the issuance of the bonds. The certificate or indenture shall appoint one or more trustees, co-trustees or other fiduciaries authorized to receive and hold in trust the proceeds of the bonds and moneys relating thereto, to protect the rights of bondholders and to perform such other duties as may be specified in the indenture. The Governor, I Maga'lahen Guåhan, is also authorized to execute, on behalf of the government of Guam, any appropriate agreements, certificates or other instruments relating to the bonds and the sale of bonds.

(k) Authorization for Credit Enhancement. The Governor, I Maga'lahen Guåhan, is authorized to enter into such contracts or agreements with such banks, insurance companies or other financial institutions as he determines are necessary or desirable to improve the security and marketability of the bonds issued

under this Section. Such contracts or agreements may contain an obligation to reimburse, with interest, any such banks, insurance companies or other financial institutions for advances used to pay principal of or interest on the bonds and to indemnify any such banks, insurance companies or other financial institutions for costs and expenses incurred in connection with any such advance. Any such reimbursement obligation and any other obligations of the government under such contracts or agreements shall be payable solely from, and secured solely by a pledge of, revenues or in the case of any such obligations related to bonds determined by I Maga'lahen Guåhan to be general obligations of the government of Guam in accordance with subsection (d) of this Section, may be general obligations of the government of Guam as determined by I Maga'lahen Guåhan, and any such advance, if necessary, shall be treated for Organic Act purposes as creating an obligation issued to refund the bonds.

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(l) Use of Proceeds from the Sale of the Bonds. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds shall be used to (i) to retire any previously issued notes authorized under Subsection (b) of this §5102, (ii) pay the General Fund expenses described in subsection (m) of this §5102 and which are otherwise appropriated by the Legislature, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, (iii) establish necessary reserves, (iv) pay expenses relating to the authorization, sale and issuance of the bonds, including, without limitation, printing

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costs, costs of reproducing documents, credit enhancement fees, underwriting, legal, financial advisory and accounting fees and charges, fees paid to banks or other financial institutions providing credit enhancement, costs of credit ratings and other costs, charges and fees in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the bonds, and (v) fund capitalized interest on the bonds for a period ending not later than thirty (30) months.

- (m) General Fund Expenses. The General Fund expenses authorized to be paid with the proceeds of the bonds are as follows:
 - (i) income tax refund payments \$139,200,000 2001 individual income tax refund \$39,500,000; 2000 and prior years estimated individual income tax refund \$2,700,000 and estimated corporate refund \$25,000,000; 2002 estimated individual and corporate tax refund \$72,000,000;
 - (ii) utility payments to Guam Power Authority \$30,450,800 payments owed by Department of Education \$15,284,200; payments owed by Department of Public Works \$13,324,650; payments owed by Guam Memorial Hospital Authority \$1,841,950* (*denotes amounts to be offset against monies owed for the Medically Indigent Program to GMH);
 - (iii) retirement fund payments \$25,285,057

 payments owed by the General Fund for Supplemental Annuities

 \$5,086,734; payments owed by the General Fund for retirement

1	contributions for line agency employees \$10,088,437; payments
2	owed by the General Fund for retirement contributions for DOE
3	\$10,109,886;
4	(iv) withholding tax payments \$15,398,763
5	2002 payroll obligations for line agencies
6	(v) General Fund Vendor payables thru 09/30/02 \$5,263,609
7	payments owed by line agencies for vendor payables \$2,519,750;
8	payments owed by Department of Administration to
9	MIP/Medicaid vendors \$2,219,524; payments owed by the
10	Department of Education for vendor payables \$524,335;
11	(vi) public school repairs \$2,711,628
12	Southern High School air-conditioning system replacement
13	\$1,000,000; Jose Rios Middle School earthquake repair \$164,000;
14	school repairs \$1,547,628;
15	Total \$218,309,857
16	(vii) to fund an escrow to pay debt service on all or a
17	portion of the Government of Guam General Obligation
18	Bonds, 1993 Series A at a matched maturity.
19	(viii) The payments authorized in this subsection (m) shall,
20	when paid, apply to any existing appropriation for the same
21	items in the FY2003 or prior year Appropriations Acts, and
22	shall not constitute double appropriations.
23	The net proceeds from the sale of the notes (after the
24	payment of the items described in subsections (l) (iii) and (iv) of

this Section and the funding of any capitalized interest on the notes) shall be used first, to make past due utility payments to the Guam Power Authority in an amount up to Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000), second, to make income tax refund payments.

- (n) Permitted Investments. The proceeds of the bonds, and any revenues relating to such bonds, may be invested in, but only in, the types of investments permitted by the certificate or indenture pursuant to which such bonds are issued.
- (o) Approval by Guam Economic Development and Commerce Authority. §50103(k), Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, provides that agencies and instrumentalities of the government of Guam shall issue bonds and other obligations only by means of and through the agency of the Guam Economic Development and Commerce Authority ("GEDCA"). No issue of bonds authorized by this Section shall be sold until the board of directors of GEDCA has adopted a resolution approving the sale of such issue.
- (p) Approval of Voters Not Required. Notwithstanding Sections 17311 and 17312 of Article 3, Chapter 17 of Title 3 of the Guam Code Annotated, the issuance of the bonds authorized by this Section shall not be required to be subject to the approval of, or placed before, the voters of Guam."

Section 3. Local Sales of Bonds. The Governor, I Maga'lahen Guåhan, shall undertake his best efforts to cause a portion of any bonds issued pursuant to Section 2 of this Act (§1520, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated), to be

offered for sale to residents of Guam, as well as to residents of other jurisdictions, if and to the extent that such offer and any sales resulting from such offer do not increase the costs to the government of Guam of issuing and repaying such bonds.

Section 4. Approval of Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes. The Legislature, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, pursuant to §50103(k), Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, hereby approves the issuance and sale by the government of Guam of bonds (not including any bond anticipation notes authorized under Section 2 of this Act) for the purposes and in the principal amounts not to exceed the purpose and limits set forth in Section 2 of this Act; provided that the conditions to the issuance of such bonds shall have been met, such bonds have a final maturity not later than the year 2024, bear interest at such rate and are sold for such price or prices as shall result in a yield to the bondholders not exceeding six and one-half percent (6.5%) per annum, and are issued and sold in the manner, for the purposes and subject to the requirements and limitations provided in §1520, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated.

The Legislature, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, pursuant to §50103(k), Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, hereby also approves the issuance and sale by the government of Guam of limited obligation bond anticipation notes authorized under Section 2 of this Act in a principal amount not to exceed Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000); provided that the conditions to the issuance of such bonds shall have been met, such bonds have a final maturity not later than the year 2024, bear interest at such rate and are sold for such price or prices as shall result in a yield to the bondholders not exceeding six and one-half

- 1 percent (6.5%) per annum, and are issued and sold in the manner, for the
- 2 purposes and subject to the requirements and limitations provided in §1520,
- 3 Title 5, Guam Code Annotated.
- 4 The approvals set forth in this Section are subject to the subsequent
- 5 approval by the Legislature, I Liheslaturan Guåhan, by statute, of the
- 6 substantially final form of the certificate or indenture described in subsection
- 7 (c) of §1520, added by this Act to Title 5, Guam Code Annotated.
- 8 Section 5. Section 26208, Article 2, Chapter 26, Title 11, Guam Code
- 9 Annotated, is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 10 "§26208. Creation of School Operations Fund. There is hereby created,
- 11 separate and apart from other funds of the government of Guam, a fund
- 12 known as the 'School Operations Fund'. This Fund shall not be commingled
- 13 with the General Fund and shall be kept in a separate bank account. The
- 14 monies in the School Operations Fund shall be used to cover the operational
- 15 expenses of the Guam Department of Education and all schools in the Guam
- 16 Public School System administered by that Department as well as any use
- 17 associated with the Guam Public School System, as determined by the laws of
- 18 Guam. The Department of Administration shall deposit funds, at such times
- 19 and in such amounts as may be specified by I Liheslaturan Guåhan, in the
- 20 School Operations Fund. Beginning with the Fiscal Year 2000 budget, all
- 21 appropriations from the School Operations Fund to the Department of
- 22 Education shall be subject to the approval of I Liheslaturan Guåhan."
- 23 Section 6. GEDCA charges and fees in connection with the funding,
- 24 issuance, sale and delivery of the debts or bonds pursuant to this Act shall be

- 1 limited to the first One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) of such
- 2 charges and fees, and any amount from fees and charges over One Hundred
- 3 Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is hereby appropriated to the Department of
- 4 Education (DOE) to be used exclusively to meet the matching requirements of
- 5 the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants for the repair of
- 6 DOE facilities. GEDCA's share of said charges and fees shall not be used for
- 7 payments of any contracts related to lobbying services.
- 8 Section 7. The proceeds of the bonds authorized to pay General Fund
- 9 expenses pursuant to §1520(m)(i) of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, shall be
- 10 deposited directly into the Income Tax Refund Efficiency Payment Trust
- 11 Fund, as established by Public Law 26-74.
- 12 Section 8. The proceeds of bond anticipation notes and bonds as
- 13 provided in this Act shall not be subject to any transfer authority of I
- 14 Maga'lahen Guåhan.