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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat Speaker Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 155 Hessler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 186(EC), "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW §43.95 TO CHAPTER 43 OF TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO UNLAWFUL USE OF THEFT DETECTION SHIELDING *OR* DEACTIVATION DEVICES" which I signed into law on April 4, 2008 as **Public Law 29-64.**

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

Attachment: copy of Bill

cc: The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes,

Senator and Legislative Secretary

Office of the Speaker Judith T. Won Pag Ed. D. ate______

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I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 186 (EC)**, "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §43.95 TO CHAPTER 43 OF TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO UNLAWFUL USE OF THEFT DETECTION SHIELDING OR DEACTIVATION DEVICES," was on the 21st day of March, 2008, duly and regularly passed.

Attested	JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D Speaker
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Public Law No. 29-64

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 186 (EC)

As amended.

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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §43.95 TO CHAPTER 43 OF TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO UNLAWFUL USE OF THEFT DETECTION SHIELDING OR DEACTIVATION DEVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. A new §43.95 is hereby *added* to Title 9 of the Guam Code

Annotated to read:

"§43.95. Unlawful Use of Theft Detection Shielding or Deactivation Devices. This Section defines and penalizes the distribution or possession of a detection shielding device or any tool or device designed to remove a theft detection device from merchandise prior to purchase for the intent to commit (or aid or abet) theft. A person who activates an anti-

shoplifting device may be lawfully detained in a reasonable manner for a reasonable period of time.

- (a) A person is guilty of unlawful distribution of a theft detection shielding device when he knowingly manufactures, sells, offers for sale *or* distributes in any way any laminated *or* coated bag intended to shield merchandise from detection by an electronic *or* magnetic theft detector.
- (b) A person is guilty of unlawful possession of a theft detection shielding device when he knowingly possesses any laminated or coated bag or device intended to shield merchandise from detection by an electronic or magnetic theft detector, with the intent to commit (or aid or abet) theft.
- (c) A person is guilty of unlawful possession of a theft detection device deactivator or remover when he knowingly possesses any tool or device designed to allow or capable of allowing the deactivation or removal from any merchandise of any theft detection device with the intent to use such tool or device to deactivate any theft detection device on, or to remove any theft detection device from, any merchandise without the permission of the merchant or person owning or lawfully holding said merchandise.
- (d) A person is guilty of unlawful distribution of a theft detection device deactivator or remover when he knowingly manufacturers, sells, offers for sale or distributes in any way any tool or device designed to allow, or capable of allowing the deactivation or removal from any merchandise of any theft detection device without the permission of the merchant or person owning or lawfully holding said merchandise.
- (e) A person is guilty of unlawful deactivation *or* removal of a theft detection device when he intentionally deactivates in a retail establishment a theft detection device on, *or* removes a theft detection device from,

merchandise prior to purchase.

- (f) Any person convicted for violating the provisions of Subsections (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e) of this Section where the value of the merchandise is less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) is guilty of a petty misdemeanor. Any person convicted for violating the provisions of Subsections (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e) of this Section where the value of the merchandise is more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (g) The activation of an anti-shoplifting *or* inventory control device as a result of a person exiting the establishment *or* a protected security device within the area within the establishment *shall* constitute reasonable cause for the detention of the person so exiting by the owner *or* operator of the establishment *or* by an agent *or* employee of the owner *or* operator, provided notice has been posted to advise the patrons that the establishment utilizes anti-shoplifting *or* inventory control devices. Each such detention *shall* be made only in a reasonable manner and only for a reasonable period of time sufficient for any inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the activation of the device *or* for the recovery of goods.
- (h) Such taking into custody and detention by a law enforcement officer, security officer, merchant, merchant's employee or agent, if done in compliance with all the requirements of the foregoing Subsection, shall not render such law enforcement officer, security officer, merchant, merchant's employee or agent, criminally or civilly liable, including any liability for false arrest, false imprisonment, unlawful detention, malicious prosecution, intentional infliction of emotional distress or defamation."

Section 2. Renumbering of Section. The Compiler of Laws *shall* renumber the Severability Clause contained in §43.95 of Chapter 43 of Title 9

1 GCA as existing prior to the enactment hereof.