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

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 72(LS), "AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE INTERIM TRANSITION COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND TRANSFER ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF POST GTA PRIVATIZATION MATTERS TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF GUAM BY *REPEALING* AND *REENACTING* RULE 15, PUBLIC LAW 26-70:2" now designated as **Public Law 29-67**.

Sinseru yan Magåhet,

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

> 29-08-033/ Office of the Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.

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

# <u>CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN</u> <u>GUÅHAN</u>

This is to certify that Bill No. 72 (LS), "AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE INTERIM TRANSITION COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND TRANSFER ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF POST GTA PRIVATIZATION MATTERS TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF GUAM BY REPEALING AND REENACTING RULE 15, PUBLIC LAW 26-70:2," returned without approval of *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*, was reconsidered by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and after such consideration, did agree, on the 25th day of April, 2008, to pass said bill notwithstanding the veto of *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* by a vote of eleven (11) Members.

DR. DAVID L.G. SHIMIZU
Acting Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guåhan this	day of
at <u>4'. 20</u> o'clock <u>P</u> .M.	
	Assistant Staff Officer  Maga'lahi's Office

Public Law No. 29-67

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

Bill No. 72 (LS)
As amended by the Author.

Introduced by:

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Frank F. Blas, Jr.

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AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE INTERIM TRANSITION COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND TRANSFER ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF POST GTA PRIVATIZATION MATTERS TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF GUAM BY REPEALING AND REENACTING RULE 15, PUBLIC LAW 26-70:2.

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

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan
- 3 finds that the Interim Transition Coordinating Committee was created to facilitate
- 4 the privatization and subsequent sale of the Guam Telephone Authority.
- 5 According to its enabling legislation, most recently amended in P.L. 27-109, the
- 6 Interim Transition Coordinating Committee was primarily tasked to oversee and

- 1 administer the privatization agreements and any assets and liabilities of GTA
- 2 retained by the government of Guam after closing of the privatization transaction.
- 3 The Law also allowed for the establishment of a permanent office to oversee such
- 4 duties of the Interim Transition Coordinating Committee provided that *I Maga'lahi*
- 5 submits to *I Liheslatura* a detailed budget for such office.
- 6 I Liheslaturan Guåhan also finds that because the privatization agreements
- 7 and other associated transactions have already been effectuated, there no longer is
- 8 a pressing need for the existence of such a committee. Most of the post-
- 9 privatization matters are of a legal and not administrative nature and more
- appropriately administered by the Attorney General of Guam.
- 11 I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that in the midst of austere economic
- times and an ostensible problem of identifying funds for services operated by the
- 13 government of Guam, the government must continue to find ways of saving
- taxpayer dollars in order to ensure that other critical areas are uninterrupted.
- Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to dissolve the Interim
- 16 Transition Coordinating Committee and the permanent office which was
- 17 established and transfer all authority relative to the enforcement and compliance
- 18 with the terms of the contract and sale to the Office of the Attorney General of
- 19 Guam.
- Section 2. Rule 15 of Section 2 of Public Law 26-70, as amended by
- 21 Section 9 of Public Law 27-109, is hereby *repealed* and *re-enacted* to read:
- "Authorization and Enforcement of Agreements. Except for such
- oversight and enforcement powers that I Liheslaturan Guåhan may grant the Guam
- 24 Public Utilities Commission, the power and authority to administer post-
- 25 privatization matters for GTA and the power and authority to enforce the
- 26 Privatization Agreements shall rest with the Attorney General of Guam for all

- legal, contract interpretation and enforcement matters; the Department of Public
- 2 Works for rights of way use and permit issues; and the Department of
- 3 Administration for all matters concerning the rights and benefits granted the
- 4 employees of the privatized GTA regarding continued government employment
- 5 and benefits."
- 6 Section 3. Interim Transition Coordinating Committee Fund.
- 7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the remaining balance of the Interim
- 8 Transition Coordinating Committee Fund shall be transferred to the Rainy Day
- 9 Fund as established by Title 5 GCA §22901.
- 10 Section 4. Severability. If any of the provisions of this Act or the
- 11 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity
- shall *not* affect any other provision or application of this Act which can be given
- effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of
- 14 this Act are severable.