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### MAR 1 6 2016

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 155 Hesler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910



#### Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill 223-33 (COR), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE REVENUES FROM THE GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES INSPECTION FEE FUND TO FUND THE OPERATIONS OF THE BIOSECURITY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE," which I signed into law on March 4, 2016, as Public Law 33-130.

Senseramente,

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Office of the Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D

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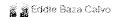
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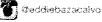
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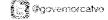
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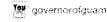
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### I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2016 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Bill No. 223-33 (COR), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE REVENUES FROM THE GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES INSPECTION FEE FUND TO FUND THE OPERATIONS OF THE BIOSECURITY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE," was on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2016, duly and regularly passed.

Attested:	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker
Tina Rose Muña Barnes Legislative Secretary	
This Act was received by <i>I Maga'låhen</i> 2016, at 2:59 o'clock P.M.	Guåhan this 22ND day of February  Assistant Staff Officer
APPROVED:	Maga'låhi's Office
EDWARD J.B. CALVO  I Maga'låhen Guåhan	
Date: MAR 0 4 2016	
Public Law No. 33-130	

#### I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 223-33 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE REVENUES FROM THE GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES INSPECTION FEE FUND TO FUND THE OPERATIONS OF THE BIOSECURITY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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

- Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
  that Public Law 31-43 established a Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund
  with revenues from a newly established fee on freight imported into Guam. I
  Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that among the purposes the Guam Invasive
  Species Inspection Fee Fund was established was to provide staffing for the
  Biosecurity Division of the Department of Agriculture, established by Section 5 of

- 1 Public Law 31-43. I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that the fee has been in
- 2 place since July of 2015 and revenues are being collected and deposited in the
- 3 Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund. As part of the Administrative
- 4 Adjudication Act process for implementing the fee, the Department of Agriculture
- 5 submitted an Economic Impact Statement estimating that the Guam Invasive
- 6 Species Inspection Fee would initially raise Two Million Dollars per year.
- 7 Inasmuch as there are revenues currently being collected and deposited in the
- 8 Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund, I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds
- 9 that this revenue should be appropriated to the Biosecurity Division of the
- Department of Agriculture as called for in Public Law 31-43.

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# Section 2. Appropriation to the Biosecurity Division of the Department of Agriculture.

All Fiscal Year 2015 and Fiscal Year 2016 revenues of the Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund are appropriated to the Department of Agriculture to provide staffing and operational expenses for the Biosecurity Division for the inspection, quarantine, and eradication of invasive species contained in any freight brought to Guam.

# Section 3. Authorization for a Program Coordinator IV for the Biosecurity Division.

- (a) I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the position of Invasive Species Coordinator, called for in Public Law 31-43, is still in the process of being established as a classified position in the civil service. As an interim measure, the Department of Agriculture has determined that a Program Coordinator IV is needed until the position has been established and recruited.
- (b) The Department of Agriculture is authorized to employ a Program Coordinator IV in the Biosecurity Division.