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## SIXTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 1962 (FIRST) Special Session

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## CERTIFICATE OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Bill No. 316(1-5), "An Act to repeal Article IV, Chapter 2, Title XIII, Government Code of Guam, and to enact a new Article IV, providing for mandatory branding of livestock, and for other purposes", was on the 27th day of February, 1962, duly and regularly passed.

A. B. WON PAT Speaker

ATTESTED:

V. B. BAMBA Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 2nd day of march, 1962 at 9:00 o'clock A. M.

/a/ Manuel F.L. Guerrero

MANUEL F. L. GUERRERO Secretary of Guam

APPROVED:

/s/ BILL DANIEL

BILL DANIEL Governor of Guam

DATED: March 13 1962

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Introduced by

Committee on Rules, by request of the Governor in accordance with Section 6(b) of the Organic Act of Guam.

AN ACT TO REPEAL ARTICLE IV. CHAPTER 2, TITLE XIII. GOVERNMENT CODE OF GUAM, AND TO ENACT A NEW ARTICLE IV. PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY BRANDING OF LIVESTOCK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

Section 1. Article IV. Chapter 2. Title XIII of the Government Code of Guam is hereby repealed, and a new Article IV. is hereby added to Chapter 2. Title XIII. Government Code of Guam, to read as follows:

## "ARTICLE IV

Branding of Livestock

Section 12160. Definitions. As used in this Article:

- (a) 'Livestock' means any cattle, carabao, horse, mule, or donkey.
- (b) 'Brand' means a mark, sign or symbol placed upon livestock for the purpose of identifying the owner thereof.

Section 12161. Name. This Article may be cited as the 'Branding Law'.

Section 12162. Branding Mandatory. No person shall own any livestock which does not carry the registered brand of such owner as required by this Article. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemessor and shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$25.

Section 12163. Same: Time Limit. All cattle shall be branded within six (6) months of the date of birth, or one (1) month after acquisition, whichever is later.

shall use any brand which has not been registered with the Department of Agriculture. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$25.

Section 12165. Registration. Applications for registration of brands shall be made on a form furnished by the Department. If said application is approved, the Department shall forthwith issue to the applicant a certificate of brand registration upon payment of a fee of two (\$2.90) dellars.

Department shall deny the registration of any brand which is identical to any brand previously registered, or which is easily altered from one brand to another. No brand shall be registered which is formed by representation of any letter, number or figure which has been previously registered if placed on the same part of the animal, or which is a 'solid' brand, or which is described as being on either side of the animal, or composed of single letters or figures, or of more than three (3) letters or figures, and only plain letters, in preference to fancy letters, will be accepted. The location of the brand on the animal shall be considered as part of the brand, and no brand shall be registered which does not describe such location.

section 12167. Same: Procedure. Upon denial of any application for registration of brand, the application shall be returned to the applicant, together with a statement of the reason for rejection. Another application

inh has not been repistered with the beetlen 1216c. brand to be hegistered. No percon may then be filed for a different brand. 1 Section 12168. Use of Brand. (a) No person shall apply any brand to any livestock or other animal without the permission of the owner of the brand. (b) No person shall apply any brand to any 5 livestock or other animal not owned by him wihtout 6 the permission of the owner of such animal, 7 (c) Any person violating subsection (a) or subsection (b) of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not less 10 than \$50 nor more than \$500, or to imprisonment for 11 not more than one (1) year, or both. 12 Section 12169. Transfer of Brand. A registered 13 brand may be transferred to another person by application 14 of the owner of the brand and the proposed transferee. 15 and surrender of the original certificate of brand 16 registration to the Department. The Department shall 17 thereupon issue a new certificate of brand registration 18 upon payment of a fee of two (\$2.00) dollars. 19 Section 12170. Disposition of Fees. All fees 20 received under this Article shall be paid into the 21 Transury of Guam as part of the General Fund. 22 Section 12171. Chief Brand Inspector. The 23 Director shall designate one (1) or more employees 24 of the Department to serve as Chief Brand Inspector 25 and Deputy Brand Inspector, respectively, who shall 26 enforce the laws and regulations pertaining to branding 27 of livestock and undertake any other related duties 28 assigned by the Director. Nothing herein shall be 29 construed, however, to limit the authority and 30 - 3 -

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responsibility of the Department of Public Safety in regard to criminal enforcement.

Section 12172. Assistance by Department. The Department shall disseminate information to interested persons relative to branding requirements and procedure, and may assist owners in the branding of their livestock, including the furnishing of a branding iron, and charge a reasonable fee therefor as prescribed by regulations.

Section 12173. Regulations. Regulations implementing this Article shall be made and adopted in accordance
with Section 12007, Government Code of Guam."
Section 2. Section 653d of the Penal Code of Guam is hereby

repealed.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect on the first day of the second month following approval, except Section 12162 and Section 12163 which shall take effect March 1, 1963.