## I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan BILL STATUS

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## BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. Without licensure rules and regulations in place for the operation of independent adoption agencies, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds it conceivable that any business including those linked to local or international criminal enterprises including human trafficking schemes could position themselves to apply for and successfully obtain a license from the

Department of Revenue and Taxation.

It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to protect against such criminal activity, by requiring the Department of Revenue and Taxation to develop a business license category and the administrative regulations necessary to regulate all entities authorized to operate on Guam pursuant to laws pertinent to the adoption of children. Additionally, *I Liheslatura* intends to require each applicant, prior to the issuance of a business license by the Department of Revenue and Taxation, to obtain an endorsement from the Department of Public Health and

1	Social Services to place or arrange for the placement of a child in a proposed
2	adoptive home.
3	Section 2. A new § 70134 is added to Chapter 70 of Division 3, Title 11,
4	Guam Code Annotated, to read:
5	"§ 70134. Businesses Engaged in the Placement of Children in
6	Adoptive Homes.
7	(a) Consistent with the provisions of this Chapter, the Department of
8	Revenue and Taxation shall establish a business license category and other
9	administrative requirements necessary to obtain a business license to operate a
0	child adoption service or agency in conformance with child adoption laws and
1	regulations.
2	(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, or rule, or regulation, the
3	Department of Revenue and Taxation shall not issue a business license without an

endorsement from the Department of Public Health and Social Services."

Section 3. Effective Date. This Act shall be effective upon enactment.

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