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2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 191-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

William A. Parkinson 

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COMPLIANCE ACT OF 2023.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. A new Chapter 81 is *added* to Division 2, Title 21, Guam Code
Annotated, to hereby read as follows:

“Chapter 81

Government of Guam ADA Compliance Act of 2023

§81101. Short Title. This Act *shall* be known as the “*Government of
Guam ADA Compliance Act of 2023.*”

§81102. Definitions. As used in this Chapter:

(a) “ADA” means the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as
amended.

(b) “Accessibility Standards” means the accessibility requirements
and guidelines established by the ADA, including those outlined in the ADA
Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) and the 2010 ADA Standards for
Accessible Design.

1 (c) "Government Leased Office" means any office space leased or
2 rented by any government agency or department of the Government of Guam.

3 (d) "Person with a Disability" means an individual who has a
4 physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life
5 activities.

6 **§81103. Accessibility Compliance Requirement.**

7 (a) All government leased offices in Guam, whether leased by
8 federal, territorial, or local government agencies, shall comply with the
9 accessibility standards outlined in the ADA, ADAAG, and the 2010 ADA
10 Standards for Accessible Design.

11 (b) Government agencies and departments leasing office spaces are
12 responsible for ensuring that the leased offices meet or exceed ADA
13 accessibility standards.

14 (c) Agencies and departments shall conduct accessibility
15 assessments and make necessary modifications to leased office spaces to
16 ensure compliance with ADA accessibility standards.

17 **§81104. Accessibility Compliance Requirement.**

18 (a) Government agencies and departments leasing office spaces
19 shall develop and implement an Accessibility Compliance Plan to address
20 identified barriers and achieve compliance with ADA accessibility standards.

21 (b) The Accessibility Compliance Plan shall include a timeline for
22 completing necessary modifications and shall be submitted to the Guam
23 Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities for review
24 and approval.

25 (c) Government agencies and departments shall allocate necessary
26 funds in their budgets to implement the Accessibility Compliance Plan.

27 **§81105. Accessibility Compliance Plan.**

1 (a) Government agencies and departments leasing office spaces
2 shall annually transmit a written report on the progress of accessibility
3 compliance to the Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan.

4 (b) The Guam Department of Integrated Services for Individuals
5 with Disabilities shall monitor compliance with this legislation and may
6 provide technical assistance to agencies and departments to achieve
7 accessibility compliance.

8 **§81106. Enforcement.**

9 (a) The Guam Department of Integrated Services for Individuals
10 with Disabilities shall have the authority to investigate complaints regarding
11 non-compliance with this legislation and recommend appropriate actions.”

12 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* take effect 180 days after
13 enactment.