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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 33106, CHAPTER 33, TITLE 7 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO MECHANICS LIEN ON GUAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Section 33106, Chapter 33, Title 7 Guam Code Annotated is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§33106. Notice to Property Owner.

Except one under direct contract with the owner or one performing actual labor for wages, every lien claimant shall, as a necessary prerequisite to the validity of any claim of lien, cause to be given to the owner or reputed owner, either personally or by certified mail with return receipt requested, a written preliminary notice not later than twenty (20) days after the claimant has first furnished labor, service, equipment or materials to the job site, containing:

- (a) a general description of the labor, service, equipment *or* materials furnished, *or* to be furnished, and an estimate of the total price thereof;
- (b) the name and address of the person furnishing such labor, service, equipment, *or* materials;
- (c) the name of the person who contracted for purchase of that labor, service, equipment, *or* materials;
 - (d) a description of the jobsite sufficient for identification; and

(e) the following statement in boldface type:

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER

If bills are not paid in full for the labor, services, equipment, or materials furnished or to be furnished, a mechanics' lien leading to the loss, through court foreclosure proceedings, of all or part of your property being so improved may be placed against the property even though you have paid your contractor in full. You may wish to protect yourself against this consequence by:

- (1) requiring your contractor to furnish a signed release by the person *or* firm giving you this notice before making payment to your contractor; or
- (2) any other method *or* device that is appropriate under the circumstances.

If labor, service, equipment, or materials have been furnished to a job site by a claimant who did not give a preliminary notice that claimant shall not be precluded from giving a preliminary notice at any time thereafter, however such claimant shall be entitled to record a lien only for labor, service, equipment, or material furnished within twenty (20) days prior to the service of the preliminary notice, and at any time thereafter.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this Law or its application to any person or circumstances is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Law which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Law are severable.

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