

**I MINA'TRENTAIUNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
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**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 21 AND 22 OF  
CHAPTER XII "MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS"  
OF PUBLIC LAW 30-196 RELATIVE TO WIRELESS  
COMMUNICATIONS RESTRICTIONS.**

1           **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2           **SECTION 1. Legislative findings and intent.** *I Liheslaturan*  
3 *Guåhan* finds that wireless communications restrictions imposed  
4 upon the government of Guam are necessary in large measure to  
5 control unnecessary expenditures. However, the application of these  
6 restrictions across the board should not hamper the successful and  
7 efficient operation of certain government entities.

8           *I Liheslatura* finds that one of the primary functions of the Guam  
9 Visitors Bureau is to market Guam as a visitor destination  
10 internationally. Modern technology has led to the rapid growth of  
11 what is known as "social media marketing." Major visitor  
12 destinations throughout the world have recognized the vital  
13 importance of digital communication tools in competitive markets. A

1 necessary aspect of social media marketing is its common use of  
2 wireless communications to assist in providing nearly instantaneous  
3 feedback and information to potential travelers and travel the  
4 industry as a whole.

5 *I Liheslatura* therefore intends to exempt the Guam Visitors  
6 Bureau which is currently in the process of developing its social  
7 media marketing initiative, from restrictions on the use of Bureau  
8 funds for wireless communications. *I Liheslatura* further recognizes  
9 that without this exemption Bureau employees may be compelled by  
10 necessity to subsidize the cost of official business with their personal  
11 income.

12 **SECTION 2. Sections 21 and 22 of Chapter XII**  
13 **“Miscellaneous Provisions” of Public Law 30-196 are *amended to***  
14 **read:**

15 **“Section 21. Wireless Communications Restrictions.** No  
16 government of Guam funds, regardless of source and including  
17 funds expended by autonomous agencies, shall be expended for the  
18 use of cellular telephones, cellular telephone services and other  
19 wireless telephone services, unless the government of Guam will be  
20 reimbursed from Federal funds or other grants. This Section *shall not*

1 apply to *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*; *I Segundo Na Maga'lahren Guåhan*; the  
2 Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*; the Chief Justice of the Supreme  
3 Court of Guam; the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Guam;  
4 official use of the Crisis Hotline Program of the Department of  
5 Mental Health and Substance Abuse; law enforcement officials; on-  
6 call health professionals at the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority,  
7 the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, and the  
8 Department of Public Health and Social Services; Village Mayors and  
9 Vice Mayors; GFD and EMS officials; on-call emergency management  
10 personnel; ~~and~~ the Chief Medical Examiner; and the Guam Visitors  
11 Bureau.

12 **“Section 22. Exception for Internet and Data Network**  
13 **and Wireless Non-Mobile Telephone Services.** The  
14 restrictions on the funds for wireless telephone service  
15 contained in Section 21 of this Chapter shall not apply to the  
16 wireless internet and data networking services, Voice Over  
17 Protocol (VOIP) and wireless local loop (stationary [non-  
18 mobile] wireless phone systems) telephone services; and the  
19 Marketing Programs of the Guam Visitors Bureau.”