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AN ACT TO AMEND § 70108 AND § 70109.1 OF CHAPTER 70, DIVISION 2, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROMOTING CONSUMER PROTECTION BY REQUIRING THE PUBLICATION OF A CONTRACTORS LIST, AND BY STRENGTHENING PENALTIES FOR UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

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3 Section 1. Publication of Contractors List Required. § 70108 of
4 Chapter 70, Division 2, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended*, to
5 read:

6 **"§ 70108. Licenses<u>; Publication of Contractors List</u> Required. No 7 person within the purview of this Chapter shall act, or assume to act, or 8 advertise, as general engineering contractor, general building contractor or 9 specialty contractor without a license previously obtained under and in 10 compliance with this Chapter and the rules and regulations of the 11 Contractors License Board (CLB).**

12The CLB shall publish, in print and electronically, in a newspaper of13general circulation, as defined in 5GCA, § 8104(a)(5), a list of contractors14authorized to conduct business on Guam. The list of contractors shall

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include, but not be limited to, the Contractor's Name and Phone Number(s), () and (2 CLB License Number, Identification of Responsible Managing Employee, 3 and Authorized Classification(s). The list of contractors shall be published, 4 annually, no later than on the first Monday of August, and shall also be 5 made available to the general public via the CLB's website." 6 7 Section 2. Citations Involving Unlicensed Contractors. § 70109.1 of 8 Chapter 70, Division 2, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby amended, to 9 read: "§ 70109.1. Investigation Citation Authority. 10 11 (a) In addition to any other remedy available, the investigator of the Contractors License Board may issue citations to acting contractors, licensed 12 13 or unlicensed, in violation of the provisions of this Chapter and rules 14promulgated pursuant to the requirements of the Administrative 15 Adjudication Law. 16 (b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the basis of the 17 citation, including the statutory provisions alleged to have been violated. 18 The citation shall also contain an order to cease and desist from the 19 violation, and an assessment of civil penalties no less than Two Hundred 20Dollars (\$200) but not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the value of the 21project. 22 (c) Citations for unlicensed contractors shall each contain an order to 23 cease and desist from the violation, an assessment of civil penalties of fifty percent (50%) of the value of the project – of which no less than fifty 2425percent (50%) shall be designated as a source for restitution. Payments to 26affected individuals shall be made in accordance with rules promulgated by

Ĩ	the CLB in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative
2	Adjudication Law.
3	(d) Recipients of contractual work shall be notified of each violation
4	in a timely manner."
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6	Section 3. Effective Date. The provisions of this Act shall take effect upon
7	enactment, and shall be applied prospectively.
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9	Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application to
10	any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such
11	invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be
12	given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the
13	provisions of this Act are severable.