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

**Section 1. Short Title.** This Act *shall* be cited as the “One Stop Business License and Permitting Center Act.”

**Section 2. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guáhan* has been working on trying to coordinate the licensing and permitting functions of the Government of Guam for many years. An early effort was spearheaded by the late Senator Ben Pangelinan, who established a task force of government agencies to prepare a report of what was necessary to accomplish this one stop concept as far back as the enactment of Public Law No. 22-77 in 1994. Many agencies contributed to the report, and former Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez established through Executive Order the first One Stop Center at the Department of Public Works shortly after taking office in 1995.

Over the years there has been a variation in the success of the One Stop Center due to the various logistical difficulties among and between agencies. For example,

1 all agencies are not equipped with the same technological tools to share data, and all  
2 agencies do not have employees to staff a 40 hour week at a Center apart from their  
3 normal agency location. The hours of operation for all agencies to be available to  
4 the public at the same time has also been a challenge.

5 In order to solve the challenges and coordinate business license and permitting  
6 across the government, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds the need to establish in statue  
7 the framework to stand a functional and true “one stop” licensing and permitting  
8 center.

9 In order to make the One Stop Licensing and Permitting Center a permanent part of  
10 the government, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends to centralize the functions of each  
11 regulatory government entity that is involved in the licensing and permitting of any  
12 business related establishment. It is further the intent to empower the Guam  
13 Economic Development Authority’s administrator to assume administrative control  
14 of the operations of the One Stop Licensing and Permitting Center.

15 **Section 3. Guam One Stop Licensing and Permitting Center, established.**

16 A new Section 50103(q) is added to Article 1, Chapter 50, Title 12, Guam Code  
17 Annotated, to read:

18 "Section 50103 (q). The Authority shall establish a Guam One Stop Licensing  
19 and Permitting Center at a location convenient to the public. The Center shall be  
20 available to the public, at a minimum from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through  
21 Friday, except Government of Guam holidays, and accommodations shall be made  
22 for evening and weekend applications. The Authority shall use its resources to  
23 coordinate the licensing and permitting requirements of all agencies of the  
24 government of Guam whose licensing, permitting or other approval is necessary for  
25 a business to start up or to continue. These services shall be available to off island  
26 investors as well as local entrepreneurs. Technological assistance will be offered by  
27 GEDA to agencies who need it to participate adequately, with the goal of

1 streamlining the processes so that a business can be up and running, or continuing  
2 its licensing and permitting for operations, in a matter of three (3) working days.

3 (1) The Authority shall coordinate and execute a Memorandum of  
4 Understanding (MOU) with each government of Guam regulatory agency involved  
5 in the licensing and permitting process to designate personnel to carry out the  
6 mandates of the regulatory agency at the One Stop Licensing and Permitting Center.  
7 The MOU shall clearly indicate that the Administrator of GEDA shall have full  
8 administrative control of such detailed personnel.

9 (2) It shall be a policy of the government of Guam and the One Stop  
10 Licensing and Permitting Center established pursuant to 12 GCA §50103(q) to  
11 adjudicate all business licensing and permitting applications within three (3)  
12 working days. Failure to adjudicate such application within three (3) working days  
13 of receipt, shall deem such application as approved for licensing or permitting for a  
14 period of sixty (60) days. During this default approval timeframe, the regulatory  
15 agencies involved in the approval process of such application shall make the  
16 necessary recommendations to the administrator of GEDA for its final disposition.

17 (3) The Administrator shall have the authority to hire on a  
18 contractual temporary basis retired government of Guam personnel who held  
19 positions within a regulatory agency that was involved in the licensing and  
20 permitting processes. In addition, GEDA shall be allowed to certify, with the  
21 assistance of the licensing and permitting agency, and contract with private firms  
22 that may provide services needed to conduct inspections and complete a licensing or  
23 permitting application.”

24 **Section 4. Review of Existing Regulations.** The administrator, shall within  
25 90 days of the enactment of this Act review all existing licensing and permitting  
26 regulations and provide a report outlining any revisions needed to be made to the *I*  
27 *Maga’lahen Guåhan* and to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. The contents of

1 this report shall take into consideration any bureaucratic processes that may be  
2 recommended to be eliminated, revised, or strengthened in the licensing and  
3 permitting of any government regulated activity. Any recommendations shall meet  
4 the two goals of improved licensing and permitting process, while maintaining  
5 program integrity.

6 **Section 4. Funding.** The Authority is authorized to use any available  
7 funds within its budget to accomplish the goals of this legislation. It may offer funds  
8 for technical assistance to agencies involved in the licensing and permitting  
9 processes. Funding for the designated positions of each regulatory agency detailed  
10 to the GEDA One Stop Licensing and Permitting Center shall be collected from each  
11 respective agency.

12 **Section 5. Severability.** *If* any provision of this Act or its application to any  
13 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity *shall*  
14 *not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without  
15 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are  
16 severable.

17 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This act shall become effective immediately  
18 upon enactment, with commencement of the GEDA One Stop Business License  
19 and Permitting Center to begin on October 1, 2017.