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Bill No. 91 -34 (COR)

Introduced by:

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

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3 *I Liheslatura* finds that, pursuant to 1 GCA § 101(c), “Titles of the Guam
4 Code Annotated published by the Compiler of Laws shall be the official
5 publication of the codified laws of Guam and shall be *prima facie* evidence of the
6 laws of Guam in effect on the date indicated on the Title page.” *I Liheslatura*
7 further finds that in order to keep up with constantly changing law and policy, the
8 people of Guam can better conduct their affairs in accordance with the laws of
9 Guam and can better plan for and conduct business matters, if applicable laws and
10 court decisions are readily accessible and promptly available to the public on the
11 internet in a searchable format, free of charge. It is therefore the intent of *I*
12 *Liheslatura* to ensure that laws, rules and regulations, executive orders, attorney

1 general opinions, and court decisions are made available and promptly updated on
2 the Compiler of Laws' website in a searchable format.

3 **Section 2.** § 1602 of Chapter 16, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, is *amended*
4 to read as follows:

5 “§ 1602. **Compiler of Laws' Responsibilities.** It shall be the responsibility
6 of the Compiler of Laws, through outsourcing, privatization, or other means,
7 to:

8 (a) Cause to be published annually, together with an adequate index,
9 all laws enacted by any given legislature in the form in which the laws were
10 enacted, commonly known as the Legislature Session Laws;

11 (b) Cause to be published, periodic revisions and updates of the Guam
12 Code Annotated, as determined by the Compiler of Laws, including
13 available annotations thereto, such as Attorney General's Opinions,
14 Executive Orders, and Court cases, and distributed at least annually, or more
15 often if practical, to *I Liheslatura*, the Courts of Guam, the Executive
16 Branch, and other interested individuals or entities as determined by the
17 Compiler of Laws;

18 (c) Undertake the publication of the continuing Administrative Rules
19 and Regulations, Opinions of the Attorney General, Executive Orders of *I*
20 *Maga'lahi*, and reports of cases decided in the Superior and Supreme Courts
21 of Guam; and

22 (d) Make available on the Compiler's website and other CD-ROM or
23 ~~similar recorded~~ mediums, the publications of the Compiler of Laws and
24 ~~provide on the Internet,~~ monthly interim updates of the published material
25 promulgated between regular publications thereof.”

26 **Section 3.** § 1603 of Chapter 16, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, is
27 *amended* to read as follows:

1 **“§ 1603. Definitions.**

2 (a) Publication Defined. The terms ‘publish, published, publishing,
3 and publication’ as used in this Chapter mean any printed or duplicated
4 material, regardless of format, which is produced, purchased for distribution,
5 or authorized by the Compiler of Laws for distribution and purchase to the
6 public, including the Guam Code Annotated, Legislature Session Laws,
7 Attorney General's Opinions, Executive Orders, Administrative Rules, and
8 court cases. The offer to distribute printed or duplicated materials to a group
9 of persons for purposes of further distribution or public display constitutes
10 publication. The distribution to other agencies or instrumentalities of the
11 government of Guam constitutes publication. ~~With the exception of the~~
12 ~~Guam Code Annotated and Session Laws of the Legislature, t~~The term
13 ‘publication’ shall ~~not~~ include the authority to create or enable any text-
14 based searchable or researchable database of such printed or duplicated
15 materials.

16 (b) Distribution Defined. The term ‘distribute or distribution’ shall
17 mean to sell, lease, assign or otherwise transfer published materials, or offer
18 to sell, lease, assign or otherwise transfer published materials.” ~~With the~~
19 ~~exception of the Guam Code Annotated and Session Laws of the~~
20 ~~Legislature, the term ‘distribution’ shall not include the authority to sell,~~
21 ~~lease, assign, transfer or offer to sell, lease, assign or transfer, or otherwise~~
22 ~~create or enable any textbased searchable or researchable database of~~
23 ~~published materials.~~