

*I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
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**I MINA 'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2019 (FIRST) Regular Session**

Bill No. **231**-35 (COR)

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

**Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Guam Product Seal program has a proven track record of supporting local entrepreneurs and stimulating economic opportunities on Guam by promoting the manufacturing of local products. Businesses under the program have provided over seven hundred fifty (750) job opportunities to the local workforce and thus has great potential to grow even further as we have seen a strong presence of locally made products in our consumer market.

*I Liheslatura* finds that the 2018 Transitory Advisory Committee recommended to reduce the number of members in more than two (2) dozen boards and commissions identified in Chapter 1(D) of the Transition Report to no more than five (5) members to ensure the fulfilment of appointments and quorum. The Guam

1 Product Seal Task Force is among those entities identified. It comprises fifteen (15)  
2 members, which has led to the task force not being able to meet consistently in the  
3 past.

4 *I Liheslatura* also finds that since the enabling act's passage there have been  
5 updates to adopted *CHamoru* orthography and grammar, which include *Guåhan* and  
6 *CHamoru*. Therefore, the Guam Product Seal Task Force should also restrict the use  
7 of these words in addition to Guam and *Chamorro* on consumable commodities *not*  
8 made in Guam in order to protect the Guam brand, and it should be duly reflected in  
9 its enabling act.

10 *I Liheslatura* further finds that the requirement for the task force to meet once  
11 a month is unnecessary at this developed stage of the program and that the provision  
12 on quorum should be made clearer.

13 It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to simplify the composition  
14 of the Guam Product Seal Task Force, update terms related to Guam and *CHamoru*,  
15 require that it meet biannually instead of monthly, and clarify the number of  
16 members needed for quorum and action.

17 **Section 2.** § 2204 of Chapter 2, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is *amended*  
18 to read:

19 **“§ 2204. Composition of Guam Product Seal Task Force.**

20 The composition of the Guam Product Seal Task Force *shall* be as follows: *I*  
21 *Segundu Na Maga'lahaen Guåhan* (the Lieutenant Governor of Guam), who *shall*  
22 also serve as the Chairperson; the Director of the Guam Economic Development  
23 Authority (GEDA) or her or his assigned representative~~designated Program~~  
24 ~~Coordinator of the current Guam Product Seal Permit program from the Department~~  
25 ~~of Revenue and Taxation (DRT)~~, who *shall* also serve as Vice Chair; the Department  
26 Directors, or their assigned representative, of the Guam Customs and Quarantine  
27 Agency (CQA), ~~the Department of Revenue and Taxation (DRT), the Department~~

1 of ~~Chamorro Affairs (DCA), the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB), the Guam Economic~~  
2 ~~Development Authority (GEDA), and Department of Public Health and Social~~  
3 ~~Services (DPHSS); the President of the Mayors Council of Guam (MCOG), or its~~  
4 ~~assigned member representative; a representative from the Office of the Attorney~~  
5 ~~General of Guam, designated by the Attorney General, who may appoint herself or~~  
6 ~~himself; and two (2) one (1) currently licensed holders of the Guam Product Seal~~  
7 ~~appointed by *I Maga'håga* or *I Maga'lahi* (the Governor); a member from the Guam~~  
8 ~~Chamber of Commerce as designated by the Chamber; and one (1) member from the~~  
9 ~~island community appointed by *I Maga'lahi* (the Governor); a counselor or~~  
10 ~~representative from the Small Business Development Center of the School of~~  
11 ~~Business and Public Administration, University of Guam.~~

12 (a) The Task Force may invite additional public and private sector members  
13 to serve on sub-committees, *provided*, that they possess significant background,  
14 knowledge and experience with locally produced products; and the Task Force may  
15 prescribe special procedures for their participation.

16 (b) The Office of *I Segundu Na Maga'lahi* (the Lt. Governor) *shall* support  
17 the administrative needs of the Task Force.”

18 **Section 3.** § 2205(b)(3) of Chapter 2, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is  
19 *amended* to read:

20 “(3) address intellectual property rights and concerns relative to the  
21 term “Guam,” “*Guåhan*,” “*CHamoru*,” “*Chamorro*,” or derivations of either  
22 Guam, *Guåhan*, *CHamoru*, or *Chamorro* in any other language or characters;”

23 **Section 4.** § 2205(b)(10)(B) of Chapter 2, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated,  
24 is *amended* to read:

25 “(B) address the use of the words “Guam,” “*Guåhan*,”  
26 “*CHamoru*,” and “*Chamorro*,” and derivations of in any other language  
27 or characters;”

1           **Section 5.** § 2206 of Chapter 2, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is *amended*  
2 to read:

3 **“§ 2206. Conduct of Meetings, Quorum.**

4           (a) The Task Force *shall* meet ~~*no less than once every month*~~biannually,  
5 and as needed to discuss and assess progress and recommendations.

6           (b) ~~A simple majority of members of the Task Force who are present and~~  
7 ~~voting *shall* constitute a quorum to do business; and any action taken by the Task~~  
8 ~~Force *shall* be by a simple majority of the members.~~Three (3) members of the Task  
9 Force *shall* constitute a quorum to do business, and the affirmative vote of three (3)  
10 members of the Task Force *shall* be required to take any action.”