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2020 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 399-35 (COR)

Introduced by:

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OF ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 19, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE
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DECLARATIONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the COVID-19 pandemic has placed Guam in a prolonged state of emergency, because of continued threat to the overall health of our people and economic well being of our island.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that while a declaration of a state of emergency empowers the island's Chief Executive to act expeditiously, it is imperative that in times of extended emergencies, such as the present, expeditious action not be taken irresponsibly. The current dire economic outlook and uncertainty in government revenue projections require the utmost fiscal responsibility and stringent fiscal accountability.

It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to add a measure of fiscal responsibility and accountability in extended states of emergencies.

Section 2. A new § 19403(a)(7) and is hereby *added* to Article 4, Chapter 19, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

1 (a)(7) Upon renewal of an original declaration of a state of public
2 health emergency pursuant to § 19405(b), all applicable procurement laws
3 and regulations shall revert to full applicability and enforceability.

4 **Section 3.** A new § 19406 and is hereby *added* to Article 4, Chapter 19, Title
5 10, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

6 **“§ 19406. Renewal of Declaration.**

7 (a) Upon finding that the occurrence of an illness or health condition
8 that caused the emergency continues to pose a high probability of a large
9 number of deaths in the affected population, a large number of incidents of
10 serious permanent or long-term disability in the affected population or a
11 significant risk of substantial future harm to a large number of people in the
12 affected population, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* may by Executive Order renew
13 the declaration of a state of public health emergency for up to thirty (30) days
14 from the date of the original declaration, or date of prior renewal.

15 (1) Upon renewal of an original declaration of a state of public
16 health emergency all applicable procurement laws and
17 regulations shall revert to full applicability and
18 enforceability.

19 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall become effective upon enactment.