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### I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÀHAN

THIRTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE 155 Hesler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

May 4, 2015

The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo I Maga'lahen Guåhan Ufisinan I Maga'lahi Hagåtña, Guam

Dear Maga'lahi Calvo:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 32-33(COR), 56-33(COR), 58-33(LS), 59-33(COR), 60-33(COR) and 62-33(LS); and Substitute Bill Nos. 14-33(COR), 52-33(COR) and 66-33(COR), which were passed by *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on May 1, 2015.

Sancer TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

Legislative Secretary

Enclosure (9)

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#### I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

# **CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN**

This is to certify that Bill No. 59-33 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION (b), AND TO ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS (d), (e) AND (f) TO § 6111 OF CHAPTER 6, TITLE 19, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO PERSONAL RELATIONS AND RELATIVE COMMUNITY **PROPERTY**," was on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2015, duly and regularly passed.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker

Attested

Tina Rose Muña Barnes Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this 446 day of 3nay, 2015, at 415 o'clock p.M.

Assistant Staff Office Maga'lahi's Office

**APPROVED:** 

EDWARD J.B. CALVO I Maga'lahen Guåhan

Date:

Public Law No.\_\_\_\_\_

# *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* 2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 59-33 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION (b), AND TO ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS (d), (e) AND (f) TO § 6111 OF CHAPTER 6, TITLE 19, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PERSONAL RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY PROPERTY.

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

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
that the current Guam law guiding personal relations and community property is
based on decades-old California case law, which has since been updated in
California and other jurisdictions.

1	It is, therefore, the intent of I Liheslaturan Guåhan to update current Guam
2	codes to reflect more reasonable laws pertaining to the subjects of personal
3	relations and community property.
4	Section 2. Subsection (b) of § 6111 of Chapter 6, Title 19, Guam Code
5	Annotated, is amended to read as follows:
6	"(b) The provisions of an agreement for support of either party shall
7	be deemed to be separate and severable from the provisions of the agreement
8	relating to property. An order for support of either party based on the
9	agreement shall be law-imposed and shall be made under the power of the
10	court to order spousal support."
11	Section 3. New Subsections (d), (e) and (f) are hereby <i>added</i> to § 6111 of
12	Chapter 6, Title 19, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:
13	"(d) (1) Except as provided in Subsections (2) and (3), the
14	provisions of an agreement for the support of either party are subject to
15	subsequent modification or termination by court order.
16	(2) An agreement may <i>not</i> be modified or terminated as to an
17	amount that accrued before the date of the filing of the notice of
18	motion or order to show cause to modify or terminate.
19	(3) An agreement for spousal support may not be modified
20	or revoked to the extent that a written agreement, or, if there is no
21	written agreement, an oral agreement entered into in open court
22	between the parties, specifically provides that the spousal support is
23	not subject to modification or termination.
24	(e) If an obligation under an agreement for settlement of property
25	to a spouse or for support of a spouse is discharged in bankruptcy, the court
26	may make all proper orders for the support of the spouse, as the court

determines are just, having regard for the circumstances of the parties and the amount of the obligations under the agreement that are discharged.

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3 (f) § 6111(b), as amended, and § 6111(d) are effective *only* with
4 respect to a property settlement agreement entered into after May 15, 2015
5 and *do not* affect an agreement entered into before May 15, 2015, as to
6 which the § 6111(b) in effect on May 14, 2015 shall apply."

7 Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Act or its application to 8 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such 9 invalidity *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be 10 given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the 11 provisions of this Act are severable.