

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Introduced by

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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 2109 TO CHAPTER 2
TITLE 2 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO
REQUIRING *I LIHESLATURA* TO SUBMIT THE
ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
GUAM TO *I MAGA'LAHI'* BY NO LATER THAN
AUGUST 31 PRIOR TO EACH FISCAL YEAR.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative findings and intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
3 finds that it has become common practice for the annual budget of the
4 Government of Guam to be passed so close to the end of a fiscal year that *I*
5 *Maga'lahi'* is often not afforded 10 days to review the document. This
6 "budgetary brinksmanship" also leaves little time for *I Liheslatura* to
7 address any Executive Branch concerns with the annual budget prior to
8 implementation of the budget at the beginning of a new fiscal year.

9 It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslatura* to set a deadline for passing
10 and transmitting annual budget bills to *I Maga'lahi'* for his consideration, to
11 give *I Maga'lahi'* adequate time to review the document, and also to permit
12 *I Liheslatura* adequate time to address any concerns *I Maga'lahi'* may have
13 with budget bills prior to each fiscal year.

1 **Section 2. A new § 2109 is added to Chapter 2 Title 2 Guam Code**

2 **Annotated to read:**

3 **“§ 2109 Submission of Fiscal Year Budget to *I Maga’lahi’*. The**
4 annual fiscal year budget for the Government of Guam shall be
5 passed by *I Liheslatura* and submitted to *I Maga’lahi’* not later than
6 August 31 prior to each fiscal year.”

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