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**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §4120 TO CHAPTER 4 OF
5GCA RELATIVE TO REQUIRING GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES TO POST THEIR BUDGETS ON THEIR
WEBSITES.**

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

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3 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the
4 posting of bills and resolutions on the website of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* provides
5 much transparency on measures that senators propose as new law. Individuals who
6 seek information on bills or attend or watch televised the hearings on legislation have
7 easy access to these documents via the internet.

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9 *I Liheslatura* further finds that although the Government of Guam's budget is the
10 single most important job of the legislature, the individual budgets submitted to the
11 legislature by the respective departments, agencies, boards, commissions and programs
12 are not customarily posted on the internet. Therefore, residents attending or watching
13 hearings on television are unable to follow the discussion on the respective budgets'
14 details. *I Liheslatura* further finds that since paper copies of budgets submitted to the
15 legislature originated from digitized word processing, spreadsheet or PDF files that

1 posting such information on an agency’s website will require very little additional
2 work.

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4 It is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to require all agencies that submit budgets to *I*
5 *Liheslatura* for its approval and appropriation be posted on their respective websites.

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7 **Section 2.** A new Section 4120 is *added* to Chapter 4 of 5GCA to read as follows:

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9 **§4120. Budgets To Be Posted On Agencies’ Websites.** Any branch, agency,
10 instrumentality, public corporation, board or commission that submits a budget request
11 to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* shall post its budget request on its website within five (5)
12 days following the submission to *I Liheslatura*. The agency shall, to the extent
13 possible and practical:

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- 15 (a) Post the budget in a format that is readily accessible such Portable Document
16 Format (PDF),
 - 17 (b) For voluminous budgets, post the document in multiple smaller-sized files
18 instead of a single large file.
 - 19 (c) Format the document(s) in a searchable format, and
 - 20 (d) Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit an agency from posting the
21 budget’s financial information in on spreadsheet format.
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