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The Honorable Mark Forbes Speaker Mina' Bente Nuebe Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 155 Hessler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 121(EC), "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RETAIL AND WHOLESALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS; TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO RESTRICT IMPORTATION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVES; AND TO AMEND §26601(C) OF CHAPTER 26 OF TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE TOBACCO TAX" which I signed into law on January 29, 2007, as Public Law 28-170.

Sinseru yan Magåhet,

FELIX P. CAMACHO

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Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy attached of signed bill

cc: The Honorable Ray Tenorio

Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

Office of the Speaker

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I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2006 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 121 (EC), "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RETAIL AND WHOLESALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS; TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO RESTRICT IMPORTATION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVES; AND TO AMEND §26601(C) OF CHAPTER 26 OF TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE TOBACCO TAX," was on the 20th day of December, 2006, duly and regularly passed.

Attested:	Mark Forbes Speaker
Edward J.B. Calvo Senator and Secretary of the Legislature	
This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guåhan this	s <u>30</u> day of <u>Dec</u> , 2006, at
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Date: 2 9 JAN 2007	

Public Law No. **28–170**

MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 121 (EC)

As substituted by the Committee on Finance, Taxation and Commerce and amended.

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AN ACT TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RETAIL AND WHOLESALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS; TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 11 ANNOTATED, TO RESTRICT **CODE GUAM IMPORTATION** OF **TOBACCO PRODUCTS** MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVES; AND TO AMEND §26601(C) OF CHAPTER 26 OF TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE TOBACCO TAX.

1	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:
2	Section 1. Chapter 6 of Title 11 of the Guam Code Annotated is hereby
3	repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:
4	"Chapter 6
5	Article 1. General Provisions
6	Article 2. Licenses
7	Article 3. Issuance of Licenses
8	Article 4. Sale or Distribution to Minors Prohibited
9	Article 5. Enforcement
10	Article 6. Prohibition on Importation
11	Article 1. General Provisions.
12	§6100. Title.
13	§6101. Definitions.
14	§6102. Applicability of Commercial Licenses Provisions
15	and Requirements.
16	§6100. Title. This Chapter shall be known and cited as the 'Tobacco
17	Control Act of 2006.'
18	§6101. Definitions. Unless the context otherwise requires, the
19	definitions set forth herein shall govern the construction and interpretation of
20	this Chapter.
21	(a) 'Director' means the Director of Revenue and Taxation.
22	(b) 'License' means Retail License and Wholesale License for
23	sales of tobacco products, as defined under this Section.
24	(c) 'Minor' means any person under eighteen (18) years of age

1	(d) 'Person' means any individual, company, corporation, firm,
2	partnership, organization, estate, trust, limited liability company, limited
3	liability partnership or other legal entity.
4	(e) 'Retail' means the sale of tangible personal property for
5	consumption or use by the purchaser and not for resale.
6	(f) 'Retail License' means a license issued by the Director of
7	Revenue and Taxation for the retail sale of tobacco products or sale
8	through a vending machine.
9	(g) 'Tobacco product' means any tobacco cigarette, cigar, pipe
10	tobacco, smokeless tobacco, chewing tobacco or any other form of
11	tobacco which may be utilized for smoking, chewing, inhalation or other
12	means of ingestion.
13	(h) 'Vending Machine' means any mechanical, electrical or
14	electronic device that, on insertion of money, tokens or any other form of
15	payment, automatically dispenses tobacco products.
16	(i) 'Wholesale' means the importation into or purchase on
17	Guam from a manufacturer or other wholesale licensee of tangible
18	personal property not for consumption or use by the purchaser but solely
19	for resale or retail wholesale or retail sellers.
20	(j) 'Wholesale License' means a license issued by the Director
21	of Revenue and Taxation for the wholesale sale of tobacco products to
22	retailers.
23	§6102. Applicability of Commercial Licenses Provisions and
24	Requirements. Provisions and requirements of Chapters 70 and 72 of Title 11
25	of the Guam Code Annotated applicable to commercial licenses shall govern

this Chapter in matters and provisions not specifically provided in this Chapter 1 2 and when relevant. 3 Article 2. Licenses. 4 **§6200.** License: Required. 5 **§6201.** Same: Classes and Fees. 6 **§6202.** Same: Term. 7 **§6203.** Same: Renewal. **§6204.** 8 Same: Vending Machines. 9 Same: Multiple. **§6205.** 10 **§6206.** License: Privilege: Limitation. 11 §6207. Same: Limitation. 12 §6208. Display of License. §6200. License: Required. 13 14 (a) It shall be a violation of this Chapter for any person to 15 wholesale tobacco products without first obtaining a valid wholesale 16 tobacco license. 17 It shall be a violation of this Chapter for any person to retail 18 tobacco products without first obtaining a valid retail tobacco license for 19 each premises or vending machine in which tobacco products are sold. 20 (c) Any person directly or indirectly engaged in the business of 21 manufacturing tobacco products may not retail tobacco products, directly 22 or indirectly, or hold a retail or wholesale license. It shall not be a 23 violation of this Chapter for any such person engaged in the business of 24 manufacturing tobacco products to import, export or sell for resale 25

tobacco products to a duly licensed tobacco wholesaler.

- **§6201.** Same: Classes and Fees. The Director is authorized to issue the following classes of licenses at the following fees, which shall be paid by the applicant at the time of application:
 - (a) Annual Retail License: \$40.00;

- (b) Annual Vending Machine Retail License: \$ 20.00;
- (c) Annual Wholesaler License: \$ 500.00.
- **§6202. Same: Term.** Licenses shall be issued on an annual basis and shall expire on the thirty-first (31st) day of March following the date of issuance. The full fee shall be paid for any fraction of the year for which a license is issued.
- §6203. Same: Renewal. A licensee may renew his license at the expiration thereof by the payment of the annual license fee set forth in this Chapter and by filing a renewal application. A licensee who fails to renew his license on or before the thirty-first (31st) day of March of each year shall be assessed a late fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) and a penalty of One Dollar (\$1.00) per each calendar day he is delinquent, which penalty shall become part of the renewal fee, and the license is automatically suspended, unless all payments for annual fee, late fee and the daily penalty are paid in full on or before April 30 of that year, in which case the license may be reinstated by the Director immediately. Unless the license is so reinstated, it is automatically revoked and the Director shall not issue a license except upon a new original application. Any licensee who fails to renew his or her license on or before the thirtieth (30th) day of April shall be required to discontinue the sales of tobacco products.

Additionally, any licensee who fails to renew his or her license on or before the thirtieth (30th) day of April shall be subject to an injunction issued

1	by the Superior Court of Guam and to prosecution under Title 11 G.C.A.
2	§70119. Such failure to renew while continuing the operation of the business
3	shall constitute refusal and failure to obtain a license pursuant to Division 3 of
4	this Title.
5	§6204. Same: Vending Machines.
6	(a) The owner of a vending machine shall obtain a retail license
7	and pay the fee required for each vending machine.
8	(b) The owner of a vending machine who violates Subsection
9	(a) of this Section shall be fined Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per violation.
10	§6205. Same: Multiple. A person applying for retail licenses to operate
11	more than one (1) premise or more than one (1) vending machine shall obtain a
12	separate retail license for each premise and each vending machine, and shall
13	pay the fee prescribed for each premise and each machine.
14	§6206. License: Privilege: Limitation. A licensee is limited to the
15	privileges conferred by the license and is not authorized to exercise any other
16	privileges.
17	§6207. Same: Limitation. A licensee is limited to the premises for
18	which the license is issued and is not authorized to exercise the privileges
19	conferred by the license at other premises.
20	§6208. Display of License.
21	(a) A licensee for sales of tobacco products, excluding sales
22	through vending machines, shall prominently display the license on each
23	licensed premise.
24	(b) The licensee for vending machines sales of tobacco products
25	shall affix a retail license decal furnished by the Director in a prominent

position on each vending machine.

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1	(c) Any licensee who violates this Section shall be fined Fifty
2	Dollars (\$50.00) per violation.
3	Article 3. Issuance of Licenses.
4	§6300. License: Restrictions.
5	§6301. Same: Same: Real Party in Interest.
6	§6302. Same: Same: Minors.
7	§6303. Same: Same: Prior Revokee.
8	§6304. Same: Same: Unfit Person.
9	§6305. Same: Application.
10	§6306. Application: Investigation.
11	§6307. Penalties for Selling Tobacco Products Without a
12	License.
13	§6300. License: Restrictions.
14	(a) Except in the case of a vending machine retail license, the
15	Director shall not issue a license to any person who then holds a license
16	of another class.
17	(b) No wholesaler within or outside of Guam, nor any officer,
18	thereof, nor any subsidiary, affiliate or other entity in which a wholesaler
19	holds any ownership or interest, directly or indirectly by stock ownership,
20	interlocking directors, trusteeship, loan, mortgage or lien on any real or
21	personal property, shall hold any tobacco license other than a
22	wholesaler's license in Guam.
23	§6301. Same: Same: Real Party in Interest. The Director shall not
24	issue a license of any class to an applicant who is not the real party in interest.
25	§6302. Same: Same: Minors. The Board shall not issue a license of any
26	class to a person under eighteen (18) years of age.

1 §6303. Same: Same: Prior Revokee. Except in the case of a license revoked for non-payment of a renewal fee, the Director shall not issue a license 2 3 of any class to any person who held a license of any class which was revoked 4 within a one (1) year period prior to the date of the application. The Director shall not issue a 5 §6304. Same: Same: Unfit Person. license of any class to any person the Director deems unfit to hold a license. 6 7 §6305. Same: Application. An applicant for a license shall submit an application in writing to the Director, verified under oath and accompanied by 8 9 the license fee. §6306. Application: Investigation. Upon receipt of an application for a 10 11 license and the license fee, the Director shall investigate whether the applicant 12 and the premises qualify for a license. 13 §6307. Penalties for Selling Tobacco Products Without a License. In addition to any other penalties and fines that may be levied, including those 14 15 under §6404 and §70120 of this Title, any person who violates §6200 shall be 16 guilty of a misdemeanor as set forth in §70119 of this Title, and punished as follows: 17 18 (a) in the case of a first violation, by a fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00); 19 20 in the case of a second violation, by a fine of Five Hundred 21 Dollars (\$500.00); 22 in the case of three (3) or more violations, a fine of not less 23 than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), nor more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), and the person shall not be eligible to 24 apply for a license for five (5) years after the date of the assessment of a 25

fine.

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1	Article 4. Sale or Distribution to Minors Prohibited.
2	§6400. Sale or Distribution of Tobacco Products to Minors
3	Prohibited.
4	§6401. Acceptable Forms of Identification.
5	§6402. Display of Prohibition on Sales of Tobacco Products to
6	Minors.
7	§6403. Licensee Responsible for Employee Actions.
8	§6404. Penalties for Selling or Distributing Tobacco Products to
9	Minors.
10	§6405. Minors Prohibited from Possession, Use and Purchase of
11	Tobacco Products.
12	§6406. Tobacco Education for Minors.
13	§6400. Sale or Distribution of Tobacco Products to Minors
14	Prohibited. It shall be a violation of this Chapter for any person to sell or
15	distribute tobacco products to minors. It shall not be a violation of this Chapter
16	for any person to refuse to sell or distribute tobacco products to any person
17	whom the seller or the distributor reasonably believes to be under twenty-seven
18	(27) years of age, and who is unable to produce acceptable photographic
19	identification and proof that he is over the age of eighteen (18) years.
20	(a) Vending machines selling tobacco products shall be located
21	so that they are accessible only to persons over the age of eighteen (18)
22	or are under the constant, direct supervision and unobstructed line-of-
23	sight of the person authorizing the installation or placement of the
24	tobacco vending machine upon the premises he manages or otherwise
25	controls, or his agent or employee. Said supervising adult shall ensure
26	that minors do not purchase tobacco products from vending machines. A

1 person who authorizes the installation or placement of the tobacco 2 vending machine upon premises he manages, or otherwise controls, and 3 who knows or should know that the tobacco vending machine will likely be used by minors, shall be liable if minors purchase tobacco products 4 from said machines. 5 A licensee or an employer may distribute tobacco products 6 (b) to any employee who handles tobacco products in the course of the 7 commercial distribution or sale of the products. In any proceeding, for 8 the suspension or revocation of any license, and based upon a 9 10 violation of this Section, proof that the defendant licensee or his agent or employee demanded and was shown, before furnishing any tobacco 11 product to a minor, an identification card, shall be a defense to the 12 13 charges. 14 **§6401.** Acceptable Forms of Identification. The following are the only 15 acceptable instruments of identification as required by §6400: 16 (a) a valid unexpired driver's license issued by any state, 17 territory or possession of the United States; an official identification issued by the Federal or a state 18 (b) 19 government with the individual's photograph and signature; an armed forces identification card; 20 (c) 21 (d) a valid, unexpired passport; and an alien registration receipt card (green card). 22 (e) 23 §6402. Display of Prohibition on Sales of Tobacco Products to

Minors. All licensees shall post notice that this Chapter prohibits the sale of

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tobacco products to minors.

1	(a) In the case of a retail operation, notices shall be publicly and
2	conspicuously displayed in the licensee's place of business in letters at
3	least two inches (2") in height.
4	(b) In the case of vending machine, the licensee shall affix to
5	the front of each vending machine a sign in letters at least one-half inch
6	$(\frac{1}{2}")$ in height.
7	(c) Any licensee who violates this Section shall be fined Fifty
8	Dollars (\$50.00) per violation.
9	§6403. Licensee Responsible for Employee Actions. Acts or omissions
10	of an agent or employee of a licensee that violate any provisions of this Chapter
11	shall be deemed to be acts or omissions of the licensee.
12	§6404. Penalties for Selling or Distributing Tobacco Products to
13	Minors.
14	(a) In addition to any other penalties and fines that may be
15	levied, any person who violates §6400 of this Chapter shall be penalized
16	as follows:
17	1. in the case of a first violation in any five (5) year
18	period, the person shall be fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)
19	and shall be notified, in writing, of penalties levied for further
20	violations;
21	2. in the case of a second violation in any five (5) year
22	period, the person shall be fined One Thousand Dollars
23	(\$1,000.00) and, in the case of a licensee, the license shall be
24	suspended for ninety (90) days;
25	3. in the case of a third violation in any five (5) year
26	neriod the person shall be fined Two Thousand Five Hundred

Dollars (\$2,500.00) and, in the case of a licensee, the license shall be suspended for one hundred eighty (180) days;

- 4. in the case of four (4) or more violations within any five (5) year period, the person shall be fined Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and, in the case of a licensee, the license shall be revoked. The revoked retailer shall be ineligible to apply for a new license for two (2) years after the effective date of the revocation.
- (b) Failure to pay a fine levied under this Chapter within thirty (30) days of the date the fine becomes effective shall result in suspension of the licensee's license until such fines are paid.
- (c) During any suspension or revocation of a license under this Section, the licensee shall not sell tobacco products and shall remove all tobacco products from all areas covered by the suspended license. In addition, any new application for a license to sell tobacco products while a licensee is suspended under this Chapter shall be denied.
- §6405. Minors Prohibited from Possession, Use and Purchase of Tobacco Products. It shall be a violation of this Chapter for any minor to use or be in possession of tobacco products or to attempt to purchase tobacco products using false identification.
- §6406. Tobacco Education for Minors. Any minor who violates §6405 of this Chapter shall attend an education program on tobacco products to include smoking cessation information administered by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the Department of Public Health and Social Services, the Guam Public School System or other government agencies with similar programs approved by one of these agencies.

1		Article 5. Enforcement.
2	§6 500 .	Enforcement.
3	§6 501 .	Notice.
4	§6502 .	Hearing.
5	§6503 .	Publication and Distribution of Laws and
6		Rules.
7	§6504 .	Use of Collected Fees and Penalties for Youth
8		Programs.
9	§650 5 .	Youth Tobacco Education and Prevention Fund.
10	§6 5 06.	Report.
11	§6500. Enforce	cement. The Director shall enforce this Chapter in
12	cooperation with the	Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse. Any
13	person may register a	complaint pursuant to this Chapter with the Director. The
14	Director shall notify	any establishment or individual of a complaint made
15	pursuant to this Chap	ter and shall keep a record of that notification.
16	(a) Th	ne Director shall conduct random, unannounced
17	inspections at r	retail sites and may enlist the assistance of persons who are
18	between twelv	re (12) and seventeen (17) years of age, upon written
19	consent of the	eir parents or legal guardians. Participation in these
20	enforcement a	ctivities by a minor shall not constitute a violation of
21	§6405 of this	Chapter, and the minor is immune from prosecution and
22	penalties, or un	nder any other provision of law prohibiting the purchase of
23	tobacco produc	ets by minors.
24	(b) T	he Director shall enact and publish guidelines for the use
25	of minors in i	inspections conducted pursuant to this Section, that shall
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- 1. the Director may, upon written consent of their parents or legal guardians, enlist the services of minors who are between twelve (12) and seventeen (17) years of age in random inspections to determine if sales of cigarettes or other tobacco products are being made to minors;
- 2. a photograph or video recording of the minor shall be taken prior to each inspection or shift of inspections and retained by the Director for the purpose of verifying appearances;
- 3. the Director may use video recording equipment when conducting the inspections to record and document illegal sales or attempted sales;
- 4. the minor, if questioned by the licensee or his agents about his or her age, shall state his actual age and shall present a true and correct identification if verbally asked to present it. The minor's failure to provide true and correct identification, if requested, shall be a defense to any action pursuant to this Chapter.
- 5. the minor shall be supervised of a regularly employed peace officer or an adult duly authorized by the Director during the inspection;
- 6. following the sale or attempted sale, the peace officer or adult supervising the minor shall reenter the retail establishment and inform the seller of the random inspection and identify the minor to the seller; and
- 7. failure to comply with the procedures set forth in this Section shall be a defense to any action brought pursuant to this Chapter.

1	§6501. Notice. Prior to the revocation or suspension of a license issued
2	under this Chapter, the Director shall provide a notice to the defendant, via
3	certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice shall contain the following
4	information:
5	(a) the name and title of the person issuing the notice;
6	(b) the date on which the fine, suspension or revocation will
7	become effective;
8	(c) the reason for the fine, revocation or suspension;
9	(d) that the licensee may request a hearing regarding the fine,
10	revocation or suspension;
11	(e) that the person must request a hearing in person or in writing
12	via certified mail, return receipt requested, and received by the Director
13	within ten (10) days after receipt of the notice; and
14	(f) that failure to appear in person or through mail received by
15	the Director within ten (10) days after receipt of the notice, or by the
16	notice's return by the U.S. Postal Service, shall be a waiver of the right to
17	a hearing and the fine, revocation or suspension will become effective on
18	the date specified in the notice.
19	§6502. Hearing. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the
20	Director shall conduct any proceedings required by this Chapter in accordance
21	with the Administrative Adjudication Law, and shall have all of the powers
22	granted in said Law.
23	(a) Upon receipt of the request for a hearing as provided in
24	§6501, supra, a hearing shall be held before a Hearing Officer appointed
25	by the Director in accordance with the Administrative Adjudication Law.
26	The hearing shall be conducted within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of

1	the request, holidays, Saturdays and Sundays not included. The hearing
2	may be set for a later day if the applicant or licensee so requests.
3	(b) At the hearing the applicant, defendant or licensee may
4	contest the denial, fine, revocation or suspension.
5	(c) If the Hearing Officer finds that the applicant is not eligible
6	for a license, the Hearing Officer shall declare the license application
7	denied. If the Hearing Officer finds that the fine, suspension or
8	revocation is in accordance with this Chapter, the fine, suspension or
9	revocation shall take effect immediately. The action of the Hearings
10	Officer is final.
11	(d) If the applicant or licensee does not appear at the scheduled
12	hearing in person, or through a representative as allowed by the Hearing
13	Officer, the Hearing Officer shall affirm the denial, fine, revocation or
14	suspension of the licensee or applicant.
15	§6503. Publication and Distribution of Laws and Rules. The Director
16	shall compile and provide a copy of the laws and rules concerning retail tobacco
17	sales to every new licensee at no charge.
18	§6504. Use of Collected Fees and Penalties for Youth Programs. All
19	fines and fees assessed and collected under this Chapter shall be distributed and
20	deposited in the following manner by the Director on the final working day of
21	the months of March, June, September and December of each year:
22	(a) thirty percent (30%) to the Department of Parks and
23	Recreation Off-Island Sports Fund;
24	(b) twenty percent (20%) to the Health and Human Services
25	Fund; and

(c) fifty percent (50%) to the Youth Tobacco Education and Prevention Fund.

§6505. Youth Tobacco Education and Prevention Fund. There is created, separate and apart from any other funds of the government of Guam, under the administration and control of the Director, the Youth Tobacco Education and Prevention Fund ('YTEPF'). YTEPF shall be held in an account or accounts at a Guam financial institution, or institutions, separate and apart from all other accounts and funds of the government of Guam, and shall not be subject to the transfer authority of *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*. One hundred percent (100%) of the funds in the YTEPF shall be used by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse for youth compliance monitoring and tobacco and drug prevention and education programs.

§6506. Report. The Director shall report monthly to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse ('DMHSA') a list of all licenses granted and renewed, including the names and street addresses of the business or the location of the vending machines, the number of violations processed and the penalties imposed, and any other information that the Director and DMHSA agree upon.

Article 6. Prohibition on Importation.

§6600. Who May Import.

§6601. Prohibitions.

§6602. Penalty.

§6600. Who May Import. Tobacco products may be brought into Guam from without Guam for delivery or use within Guam only if the tobacco products are imported by or consigned to a licensed wholesaler.

§6601. Prohibitions. The transportation or importation into Guam for delivery or use in Guam of tobacco products without payment of the tax provided by Chapter 26, Article 6, of this Code, or contrary to the provisions of Article 6, is hereby prohibited.

§6602. Penalty. Whoever transports or imports into Guam for delivery or use in Guam tobacco products in violation of this Article shall be penalized as follows:

- (a) in the case of a first violation, the person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one (1) year, or both;
- (b) in the case of any subsequent violation, the person shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree and shall be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than five (5) years, or both."
- **Section 2.** §26601(c) of Article 6 of Chapter 26 of Title 11 of the Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read as follows:
 - "(c) Bonding. Any taxpayer holding an Annual Wholesaler License pursuant to Title 11 G.C.A. §6201 and against whom taxes are levied under this Article with respect to tobacco products may, by complying with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Tax Commissioner, and by placing such tobacco products in a warehouse under bond, delay the payment of said taxes until the due date of the monthly tax return for the month in which the tobacco products are withdrawn from the warehouse and no interest shall commence to run thereon until such due date.

(1) Relief from tax upon export. When the taxes levied under this Article have not been paid with respect to any tobacco products because said tobacco products were placed in a warehouse under bond, the taxpayer may export such tobacco products from Guam without payment of the taxes levied under this Article and, subject to the conditions set forth in §§26604(a), 26604(b) and 26605(d), be relieved of liability therefor upon submission of a claim for relief to the Tax Commissioner not later than the twentieth (20th) day of the month following the month in which the tobacco products are withdrawn from the warehouse."

Section 3. §90107(b) of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated is hereby *repealed*.

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