environment. Any assistance this committee can provide to clean up the current situation would help Guam's visitor industry.

Sincerely,

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LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

Bill Number 32

(Public Hearing on Thursday, February 10, 2005)

The Office of the Attorney General currently is in support as to the above identified legislation as drafted. The reasons are set forth below.

Hand billing is quite complex. It seems to have come from another jurisdiction where the definitions were clearer. How does one determine where the "public access and utility easement" are located? Does this include the road? Probably not, as the roadway is owned by the Government in fee, not by easement.

This problem is carried on throughout the bill. In addition, rules are mandated. This could delay the implementation for years. It would not solve the provisions on notice. Instead, the Bill should be simplified, and notices of the handbill-restricted zones posted around bus stops and other fixed locations, there should be some painting on the sidewalk indicating the restricted area.

I believe the substance is restrictive enough to withstand constitutional challenge.

Author: Consumer Counsel Troutman

(The Office's testimony provided herein is intended to help the Committee evaluate the legislation. Since our time and staff resources remain scant and this testimony reflects our voluntary assistance, the testimony provided herein shall not be binding upon us, and is subject to our changing position in the event that facts or law are discovered which were not considered at the time of submitting this testimony.)



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February 10, 2005

Honorable Ray Tenorio Chairman, Committee on Public Safety Mina Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan 155 Hesler Street, Hagatna, Guam 96910

Re: Bill No. 32 – Regulation of Handbilling

Hafa Adai Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

My name is David Tydingco, President of the Guam Hotel & Restaurant Association, and I am here to testify in support of the passage of Bill No. 32 subject to amendments, an act that would control handbilling within Tumon and other economic tourism zones.

For the record, I would like to first thank I Mina Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan for its leadership in assuring all bills introduced are given a public hearing within a short period of time after introduction. It is quite noteworthy that this Legislature is being responsive to issues brought up by the community and we want to extend our appreciation for this opportunity to testify.

The contents of Bill No. 32 has been debated by previous legislatures without any final resolution to address the continued problems of unwanted, and sometimes, illegal, solicitation of business on the streets of the tourism district as well as the danger posed by individuals chasing guests into the streets in order to push their services.

Our neighbors to the north, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, had been experiencing similar problems and has enacted a tougher piece of legislation calling on a total ban of solicitation and handbilling in their major tourist districts. I am attaching as part of my testimony a copy of House Bill No. 14-229, now Public Law 14-50 that was recently signed by Governor Juan Babauta on January 7, 2005.

We have, in past public hearings, submitted copies of the material being passed out by handbillers. We are again providing some material for the committee's review. As a major resort destination, we need to assure that our guests are not constantly harassed on the streets by street hawkers who push their services on them and jeopardizing their safety, particularly at busy street intersections.

A better alternative to the current practice of uncontrolled handbilling is to eliminate the practice altogether and establish information kiosks in major pedestrian areas similar to that of other major resort destinations so that legitimate commercial ventures could provide information on their business offerings, and at the same time, enhance our image as a major resort destination. The government currently has regulations in place to control commercial ventures in public areas such as our parks, and the same principle could apply.

We ask this Legislature to take swift action on this bill so that we can work on other critical areas of improving our destination for our community and guests alike. The GHRA would be glad to work with the committee in making amendments to the bill to deal with this long standing problem we face in our community.

Thank you and I look forward to your favorable consideration of this measure.

Senseramente,

DAVID B. TYDINGCO

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Juan N. Babauta Governor

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The Honorable Benigno R. Fitial Speaker, House of Representatives Fourteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Joaquin G. Adriano Senate President, The Senate Fourteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law House Bill No. 14-229, entitled, "To prohibit loitering for commercial gain on a public thoroughfares by adding a new section to Article 1, Chapter 1, Division 3, Title 6 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Fourteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

The measure prohibits any persons from loitering on public thoroughfares for the purpose of luring, enticing, or soliciting persons for commercial gain whether for legal or illegal purposes and provides for the imposition of a strict penalty for any conduct that violates this measure.

The Administration notes that many tourists, residents and other visitors have been repeatedly harassed by repeatedly and aggressively soliciting people for the purpose encouraging for commercial gain that is often illegal. This activity adversely affects the tourism industry as evidenced by the fact that many tourists have indicated in their comments on their travel experience in the CNMI that this activity negatively impacted what was otherwise an excellent experience. Tourists have also indicated that the CNMI is a first-class tourist destination that they would recommend and visit again, but that they

would be more likely to do so if this problem is addressed. The perception that this activity is pervasive has not only been recognized and raised by the Administration, the Marianas Visitors Authority, and numerous private tourist companies and other business establishments here in the CNMI, but has also been reported in Japan and other tourist markets. In addition, this unwanted activity negatively disrupts the legitimate businesses that are near areas where such conduct occurs because both tourists and residents alike do not want to be subjected to such harassment by persons engaging in these activities.

The Administration notes, however, that it has several concerns related to the constitutionality of certain provisions set forth in this legislation. The language set forth in Section 2, for example, could be construed as being unconstitutionally overbroad if it is found to prohibit certain forms of commercial speech that may be protected by both the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The CNMI is not alone in addressing this issue, however, as many jurisdictions have struggled with the attempt to balance the clear government interest in prohibiting this kind of repeated harassment and solicitation activity while also protecting the rights and civil liberties of the public.

I have decided, despite these concerns, to sign this bill into law to emphasize the need for the CNMI Government to address the problems identified herein and in the findings of the Legislature. I encourage the Fourteenth Commonwealth Legislature, however, to introduce legislation to address any constitutional concerns in an expeditious manner.

This bill becomes Public Law 14-50. Copies bearing my signature are being forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

Managing Director, Marianas Visitor Authority

Secretary, Department of Commerce Secretary, Department of Finance

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NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE P.O. Box 500586 Saipan, MP 96950

December 1, 2004

PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-50

The Honorable Juan N. Babauta Governor Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Capitol Hill Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Babauta:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith H. B. No. 14-229, entitled, "To prohibit loitering for commercial gain on a public thoroughfare by adding a new section to Article 1 Chapter 1, Division 3, Title 6 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes." The Bill was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Fourteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

House Clerk
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2004

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE FOURTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that it is the practice of many businesses and commercial enterprises in tourist areas of Garapan, Saipan, to have persons loiter outside of businesses on public thoroughfares for the purpose of luring, enticing, or soliciting customers for commercial gains. The Legislature further finds that some of these businesses are fronts for illegal activities such as gambling and prostitution. Tourists, as the usual victims of this practice, are often harassed to the extent of creating negative publicity for the Commonwealth. Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to prohibit persons from loitering on public thoroughfares for the purpose of luring, enticing, or soliciting persons for commercial gain. It is further the intent of this Act to curb not only the harassment and intimidation of tourists but also illegal activities.

- Article 1, Chapter 1, Division 3, Title 6 of the Amendment. Section 2. Commonwealth Code is amended by adding a new § 3112 to read as follows:
 - "§ 3112. Loitering outside a business establishment on a public thoroughfare for the purpose of luring, enticing, or soliciting persons for commercial gain is hereby prohibited.
 - (a) A person commits loitering if the person is found on a public thoroughfare engaged in the following conduct:

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(1) Repeated attempts to stop or detain a person by:

- (i) by shouting, loudly calling, beckoning to a person to lure, entice, or solicit a person for commercial gain whether for legal or illegal purposes; or
- (ii) by physically touching or grabbing a person for the purpose of handing out fliers or handbills regarding a commercial enterprise for a fee or to lure, entice, or solicit a person for commercial gain whether for legal or illegal purposes.
- (2) Repeatedly follows or attempts to follow a person for the purpose of handing out fliers or handbills regarding a commercial enterprise for a fee or to lure, entice, or solicit a person for commercial gain whether for legal or illegal purposes.
- (b) Public thoroughfare for the purposes of this section shall mean any sidewalk, square, mall, parking lot, or street.
- (c) A person convicted of loitering under this section may be punished by fine of not more than \$1000 and by imprisonment of not more than 30 days."

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Savings Clause. This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

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Section 5. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

Speaker of the House

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February 10, 2005

Testimony on Bill Number 32

Hafa Adai. My name is Alberto C. Lamorena, V. I am the General Manager of the Guam Visitors Bureau. Thank you for allowing the Guam Visitors Bureau to once again submit testimony on bill number 32 "The Hand Billing Act" relative to the implementation of regulations for control of hand billing within Tumon and other economic tourism zones on Guam.

The Guam Visitors Bureau supports the intent of this bill and any bill that intends to help promote Guam as a safe and satisfying destination. There has been a hospitality industry concern about the image and conduct of hand billing employees in the Tumon and most especially in the area identified as "Pleasure Island". Pleasure Island is where it seems most hand billing activity takes place because the area has some of the most visible pedestrian traffic.

We support Bill Number 32's intent to give the hand billers the opportunity to present their product or services but not at the expense of safety and well being of tourists and residents in the Economic Tourism Zone. However, although the intent and spirit of this bill are well-meant, we are, nonetheless, concerned with several issues that come to mind when interpreting this Act.

- 1. Enforcement: The bill spells out the Handbilling Restrictions in Section 3704, paragraphs A to E in detail with specific measurements of sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian passages, bus stops and street corners and so forth. These finite details will require clearly designated sections of the tourist district with markers or some form of indicators in order to guide hand billers as to where to conduct their business as well as a guide for law enforcement. Even with defined markers such as a painted curb or other physical signage, we are concerned that the hand bill restrictions will be hard to enforce since it will take constant physical presence of the Guam Police Department (on foot patrol) to ensure the hand billers are compliant. Rather than have designated sections for the hand billers to continue plying their information, we would rather see an outright ban of handbilling activities and instead, propose that kiosks be installed along the tourist economic zones where printed information can be placed and the public can help themselves at their own free will.
- 2. <u>Contents of "informative material"</u>: The other concern we have from the handbilling activity is that it tarnishes Guam's image as a safe and family-oriented destination. There is evidence that some hand billers provide a distribution channel for the solicitation of pornography, prostitution and trafficking of illegal substances. The bill, as currently written, does not specify what should be prohibited on the "informative material."
- 3. The penalty, as currently proposed in Bill 32, subjecting a violator to a mere fine of twenty-five dollars for each offense is not a sufficient deterrent. Nor does it include penalties for handbillers who knowingly promote illicit activities involving prostitution, drugs or illegal pornography.



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4. If Bill 32 sees passage as it is written now, we would strongly suggest that all businesses who wish to have employees distribute handbills about their products and services, register these handbilling personnel with a regulatory agency such as Department of Revenue & Taxation. We'd further recommend that handbilling employees undergo a rigorous training/familiarization course, perhaps at Guam Community College, about the Handbilling Act to better understand the parameters of the law and learn a proper code of conduct. Upon completion of this course, we'd require these handbillers to obtain an identification badge (picture & name) from GVB. The badges will provide the public a recourse if or when there are complaints to law enforcement about violators.

The visitor industry is on the rebound for Guam but with the recovery, there is also keen competition from other destinations. It is critical that Bill 32 sees passage soon if we're to maintain Guam's image as a quality destination. If we're to neglect addressing this growing nuisance, the harm done to the island's charm and reputation will be costly. As with any remedy to a problem, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony on Bill 32

Alberto C. Lamorena, V

February 8, 2005

Senator Ray Tenorio Majority Leader Chairman, Committee on Criminal Justice, Public Safety, Youth and Foreign Affairs 28th Guam Legislature

Dear Senator Tenorio:

On behalf of the Taxi Associations on Guam, we would like to express our utmost gratitude for introducing **BILL 32 – "THE HAND BILLING ACT".** This Bill will help improve our tourist image of Guam. Furthermore, it helps to ensure the safety of our visiting tourists as they walk the streets of Tumon.

Our tourists visit our island of Guam for it's warm weather, sunny beaches, clean air, and various tour attractions around the island. It is also marketed as a peaceful Resort Family Destination. A place where you can bring the family for some fun and recreation.

In recent times, the island is vastly becoming full of hand billers. They stake out different areas along the streets of Tumon. Everyday we see an increasing amount of these types of people forcing flyers upon our tourists. Our tourists are challenged as they try to venture out from their hotels to experience our wonderful island.

Our taxi associations have been collectively researching the types of flyers being distributed by these "hand billers". Our findings have been that most of the flyers promote different types of massage parlors. Some even outright advertise for beautiful women and the prices per hour with these women.

The first and foremost point we would like to make is that these hand billers are ruining our island's image of a resort family destination. As our visitors walk the streets, eager to go out and explore our island, these hand billers are at every corner handing out these materials. What type of impression do we give our visiting tourists if what is being handed out to them is advertisement for cheap sexual entertainment? Immediately we fall out of the "Fun Family Destination Image". Is this the kind of impression the island wants to convey to our visitors?

As our visitors are hounded by these hand billers to take their material, most will discard them. Therefore it is not surprising if we see them as trash on the streets. This poses another burden of needless trash along our streets. Furthermore, the chances of a child picking up one of these flyers become heightened as these flyers blow along with the wind or lay on our sidewalks. Most parents become upset if they see their children reading such material. Clearly hand billers are detrimenting our island's image. Something must be done!

The next issue that poses a great concern for the taxi industry is safety. Most drivers can attest to near accidents due to encountering fearful tourists trying to avoid these hand billers. As the tourists see a hand biller trying to approach them, they become unaware of traffic signals or the main traffic conditions on the streets. Some even step onto the street or cross illegally just to avoid these hand billers. You can actually see them running when they see someone following them trying to hand them something. Or vice versa; the hand billers are running to catch up to the tourists across the street, hence they cross the streets trying to dodge the cars to get to the other side.

The common areas are near TGIF Restaurant, DFS Galleria, The Plaza and The Reef Hotel. These hand billers are at every corner of the traffic light. As you go further along Tumon, you will find them along the streets towards the Sand Castle on each side of the roads past Tumon Sands Plaza. Can you imagine our tourists trying to dodge these hand billers as they try to walk the streets? It's potentially dangerous all along Tumon. At night the dangerous conditions double if not triple.

You will also find them illegally parked along the Reef Hotel wall side at the entrance to Nana's Café. As they get their customers, they load them into their vehicles to bring them to the massage establishments. Many tourists walk towards the beach on this entrance. Hand Billers shouldn't be allowed to freely park for these purposes.

The taxi associations would really like to see this bill passed. We give it 100% support. We kindly ask for assistance to see this bill thru all the way until it is passed into law.

If you need any more clarifications, or sample flyer materials or testimony on this matter, please feel free to call me.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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President

Taxi Associations of Guam

Senator Ray Tenorio, Chairman

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I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan Committee on Criminal Justice, Public Safety, Youth and Foreign Affairs

Senator Ray Tenorio, Chairman & Majority Leader

Public Hearing, Thursday, February 10, 2005 at 9:00a.m.

Public Hearing Room; Temporary Legislature, 155 Hesler Place, Hagatña, Guam Guam Parole Board Member Nominees: Ms, Soledad H. Chargualaf & Mr. Michael D. Carey

\38(EC) Establishing a special allegation to be known as "Crime Against the Community."

Requiring persons, entities or corporations buying copper wire to 33(EC) maintain a log of purchases made from on-island sources.

Regulations for the control of handbilling within Tumon or other \ 32(EC) economic tourism zones.

Allowing the consumption of alcohol restrictively within limousines 27(EC) and chartered vehicles traveling on public roadways.

1. 9(LS) Providing exceptions for prior licenses.

Regulating the sale of butane, propane and other inhalants to minors. 5,6(LS)

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Committee Report-Bill No. 32(EC)

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Adolpho B. Palacios

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 7 OF CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 16 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED IMPLEMENTING THE "HANDBILLING ACT" RELATIVE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF HANDBILLING WITHIN TUMON AND OTHER ECONOMIC TOURISM ZONES ON GUAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guahan finds that coasonable regulation of handbilling activities upon certain public streets, sidewalks, allevs and other public places within Tumon Bay and various economic tourism zones on Guam are necessary. I Liheslaturan Guahan finds a compelling need to ensure the satety and welfare of both motorists and pedestrians on the roadways of these economic tourism zones.

Tumon Bay is the heart of the island's tourist industry and a major businessontertainment and recreation area for visitors and residents alike. Similarly there are other localities on Guam that are frequented by tourists and regular pedestrian foot traffic. The island's interest in open and attractive sidewalks extends throughout. Tumon and along these economic tourism zones.

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The provisions of this article are declared to be necessary for the accomplishment of the following purposes:

- (1) To ensure that persons desiring to engage in handbilling activities within economic tourism zones are given a reasonable opportunity to do so;
- (2) To ensure the safe, unrestricted, free and orderly flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the most hazardous portions of sidewalks along economic tourism zones; and

1	(3) To protect the island's visitor industry, the heart of which includes Tumon Bay
2	by protecting the safety of our visitors.
3	The provisions of this article are not intended to prohibit the right of free expression
4	or free speech but to prevent the hazards associated with aggressive handbilling activities
5	for the safety and welfare of tourist and the people of Guam.
ô	Section 2. Article 7 is hereby added to Chapter 3 of Title 16 of the Guam Code
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(D) Economic Tourism Zone embraces the following locations:

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2	between Adelup Point and the intersection of Route 16.
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8	sidewalk.
9	Section 3702. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the "Handbilling Act."
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12	improvements thereon within areas designated as Economic Tourism Zones pursuant
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 Section 3705. Penalty, Summons, and Citation.
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MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

TWENTY-EIGHTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 155 Hessler Place, Hagatña, Guam 96910

April 11, 2005

The Honorable Felix P. Camacho I Maga'lahen Guåhan Ufisinan I Maga'lahi Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Maga'lahi Camacho:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 5(LS), 34(EC), 39(EC), 40(EC), 43(EC), 52(EC), 54(EC) and 83(EC); and Substitute Bill Nos. 6(LS), 9(LS), 32(EC), 56(EC), 74(EC) and 78(EC) which were passed by I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan on April 9, 2005.

Sincerely,

EDWARD J.B. CALVO

Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

Enclosures (14)