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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 167-34 (LS), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 9, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DIRECTING THE GUAM VISITORS BUREAU TO DEVELOP AND PUBLISH A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RELATIVE TO DEVELOPING A CRUISE SHIP INDUSTRY ON GUAM," which was signed on February 9, 2018, as **Public Law 34-75**.

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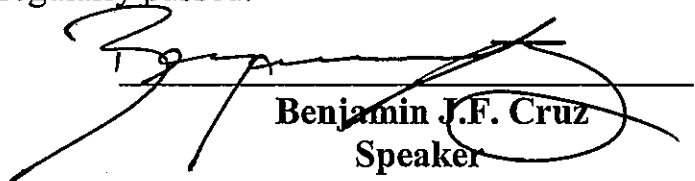

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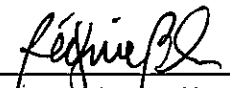
I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2018 (SECOND) Regular Session

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


This is to certify that **Bill No. 167-34 (LS)**, "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 9, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DIRECTING THE GUAM VISITORS BUREAU TO DEVELOP AND PUBLISH A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RELATIVE TO DEVELOPING A CRUISE SHIP INDUSTRY ON GUAM," was on the 26th day of January 2018, duly and regularly passed.


Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Speaker

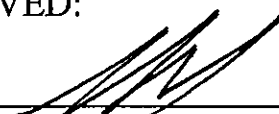
Attested:


Régine Biscoe Lee
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* this 29 day of JAN,
2018, at 1:45 o'clock P.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'låhi's Office

APPROVED:


EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'låhen Guåhan

Date: FEB 09 2018

Public Law No. 24-75

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2017 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 167-34 (LS)

Introduced by:

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that there has been an interest in developing a cruise ship industry on Guam for many
4 years. The Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) recommended that the
5 Micronesian governments look into the industry with the adoption of several

1 resolutions over the years, and a Micronesian Cruise Association (MCA) was formed
2 in 2011 to investigate Micronesian cruises as a local industry. The cruise ship(s)
3 would traverse throughout Micronesia, be homeported on Guam, and make various
4 port stops, including, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau,
5 the Marshall Islands, and various islands of the Federated States of Micronesia, as
6 local infrastructure and interest allow. This cruise industry would be integrated into
7 the already existing visitor industry, overlapping with the accommodations,
8 attractions, and shopping offerings already in place, and for which ample marketing
9 collateral is already available.

10 Recently, Guam Visitors Bureau has engaged the services of the Pacific Asia
11 Travel Association (PATA) in looking into developing a cruise industry homeported
12 on Guam. PATA obtained a report from their consultants relative to the subject of
13 Micronesia Cruise Development. This report highlights a number of strengths and
14 weaknesses on Guam and in various proposed Micronesian destinations relative to
15 the cruise industry. In order to follow up on these initial findings, it is desirable for
16 GVB to look further into the specific development of a cruise industry on Guam,
17 how to interact with partners throughout Micronesia, and how to put into play the
18 proof of concept strategy outlined in the PATA Task Force Report
19 recommendations.

20 **Section 2.** A new Article 5 is *added* to Chapter 9 of Title 12, Guam Code
21 Annotated, to read:

22 **“ARTICLE 5**

23 **GUAM VISITORS BUREAU REQUEST FOR INFORMATION;**
24 **DEVELOPMENT OF A CRUISE SHIP INDUSTRY ON GUAM**

25 **§ 9501.** (a) Request for Information. The Guam Visitors Bureau
26 (GVB) *shall* develop and publish a Request for Information (RFI) for the purpose of
27 soliciting and determining public interest and the desired direction that public

1 policymakers may take relative to the development, management and operation of a
2 cruise ship industry on Guam. The information to be solicited *shall* include, at a
3 minimum, but *shall not* be limited to:

4 (1) what is needed for Guam to develop, manage, and operate a
5 cruise ship industry homeported at the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port of Guam;

6 (2) what is needed for local cruise tourism support, including
7 communications infrastructure, ground travel, cultural experiences, sports and
8 nature experiences, site visits, entertainment, retail facilities, dining facilities,
9 comfort facilities, and any other experience support needed for cruise
10 passengers that dock on Guam;

11 (3) what is needed to engage a public/private collaboration in the
12 renovations needed at the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port of Guam in an area
13 suitable for a cruise ship industry;

14 (4) what is needed to develop communication, collaboration, and
15 organization between island governments, educational and cultural
16 institutions, and private business and non-profit entities throughout
17 Micronesia to collaborate on a Micronesia-wide cruise ship enterprise;

18 (5) information relative to needed funding and available funding
19 from any resource, government and private, for the development of a cruise
20 ship industry, and any of the related experiences passengers would have on
21 Guam and throughout Micronesia;

22 (6) what is needed for success-monitoring of a Micronesia-wide
23 cruise industry as it pertains to Guam;

24 (7) what is needed for training, marketing, safety and security,
25 enhanced transportation, and tourism asset development within Guam to
26 include a cruise ship industry within the current visitor industry; and

1 (8) what is needed to solicit interest from cruise ship lines with
2 appropriate vessels for visiting throughout Micronesia to offer their services
3 on a Micronesia cruise adventure.

4 The publication of the RFI *shall* expressly state that it is being issued
5 solely for the purpose of soliciting public information for planning purposes,
6 does not constitute a Request for Proposal (RFP), and does not commit the
7 government to contract for any supply or service.

8 Respondents *shall* be advised that the government of Guam and/or
9 GVB will not pay for any information received or administrative costs
10 incurred in responding to this RFI. All costs experienced or associated with
11 responding to this RFI will be incurred solely at the responding party's
12 expense. Not responding to this RFI does not preclude participation in any
13 future RFP, should there be one issued. All submissions to this RFI *shall*
14 become the property of the government of Guam, subject to public review,
15 and will not be returned. Any issues relating to intellectual property and
16 copyright must be clarified by the respondent and clearly marked.

17 (b) Delivery Period/Dissemination. GVB *shall* publicly disseminate the
18 RFI in a manner to solicit the broadest number of qualified interested respondents.
19 Registries, direct mailings, and other methods, at a minimum, *shall* be utilized to
20 maximize the potential number of responses to the RFI.

21 GVB *shall* adhere to the following schedule:

22 (1) within sixty (60) days from enactment of this legislation, develop
23 and publish the Request for Information (RFI);

24 (2) provide for a fifteen (15) day question period, Saturday, Sunday,
25 and government holidays excepted, commencing from the date of publication,
26 for requested clarification(s) on the RFI from interested parties/potential
27 respondents;

1 (3) provide for a thirty (30) day period, Saturday, Sunday, and
2 government holidays excepted, after the close of the question period for
3 submission to the RFI by respondents;

4 (4) compilation by GVB of all respondents and analysis ascertaining
5 the strength and weakness of each RFI submission by respondents;

6 (5) transmittal of the RFI compilation/analysis from GVB to *I*
7 *Maga'låhen Guåhan* and *ILiheslaturan Guåhan* no more than thirty (30) days
8 after the receipt of information to the RFI; and

9 (6) a GVB board resolution indicating the Bureau's clear strategic
10 plans and policy recommendations to either move forward or to suspend any
11 further efforts in developing a cruise ship industry on Guam."

12 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
13 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity *shall*
14 *not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
15 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
16 severable.

17 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* become effective upon enactment.