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	BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES	NOTES
	218-35 (COR) As substituted and mended on the Floor.		AN ACT TO AMEND § 58104(f) AND TO ADD § 58104.1, BOTH OF CHAPTER 58, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING A QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTICEMENT AND POTENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROCESSING TRADE, AND A DISTRIBUTION, TRANSFORMATION OR FULFILLMENT CENTER INDUSTRY ON GUAM.	10/9/19 9:29 a.m.	11/20/19	Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture, Maritime Transportation, Power and Energy Utilities, and Emergency Response	2/11/20 9:00 a.m.	10/30/20 2:27 p.m.	11/18/19	
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			AN ACT TO AMEND § 58104(f) OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 58, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING A QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTICEMENT AND POTENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROCESSING TRADE COMPANY, AND A DISTRIBUTION, TRANSFORMATION, OR FULFILLMENT CENTER INDUSTRY ON GUAM.		12/1/20	12/12/20	35-119	12/11/20	Received: 12/11/20 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 35GL-20-2501	

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December 11, 2020

HONORABLE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

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Re: <u>Substitute Bill No. 217-35 (COR)</u> – An Act to *Add* a New § 58104(r) to Article 1 of Chapter 58, Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Authorizing a Qualifying Certificate for the Enticement and Potential Establishment of a Commercial Drone Industry on Guam

<u>Substitute Bill No. 218-35 (COR)</u> – An Act to *Amend* § 58104(f) of Article 1, Chapter 58, Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Creating a Qualifying Certificate for the Enticement and Potential Establishment of a Processing Trade Company, and a Distribution, Transformation, or Fulfillment Center Industry on Guam

Dear Madame Speaker:

Before taking office, our Administration identified the opportunities that could be presented by developing a distribution and fulfillment center industry and encouraging the establishment of processing trade companies in Guam. Our location seems prime for satisfying orders for delivery in Asia and throughout the Pacific. The inclusion of this industry in Substitute Bill No. 217-35, as well as the commercial drone industry in Substitute Bill No. 218-35, as eligible endeavors for the Qualifying Certificate program administered by the Guam Economic Development Authority are welcome statutory changes to the provisions of Qualifying Certificate program.

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I want to thank Senator Moylan for this bipartisan effort to advance this Administration's goals to diversify our economy. As we have learned during this public health emergency, while tourism cannot be replaced as a significant driver of our economy, it is imperative that we expand our industry base to be less dependent on any single enterprise. Substitute Bill Nos. 217-35 and 218-35, which are now known as *Public Law Nos. 35-118 and 35-119*, will assist in this effort.

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO I Maga 'hågan Guåhan Governor of Guam

Enclosure: Substitute Bill No. 217-35 (COR) *nka P.L. 35-118* Substitute Bill No. 218-35 (COR) *nka P.L. 35-119*

cc via email: Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan Compiler of Laws

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2020 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 218-35 (COR) "AN ACT TO AMEND § 58104(f) OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 58, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE TO CREATING **OUALIFYING** RELATIVE A ANNOTATED, CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTICEMENT AND POTENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROCESSING TRADE COMPANY, AND A DISTRIBUTION, TRANSFORMATION, OR FULFILLMENT CENTER **INDUSTRY ON GUAM**," was on the 1st day of December 2020, duly and regularly passed.

Tína Rose Muña Barnes Speaker

Attested:

Amanda **L**. Shelton Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'hågan Guåhan this 1st day of Seconder

2020, at <u>4:32</u> o'clock .M.

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APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: Public Law No.

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I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 218-35 (COR)

As substituted and amended on the Floor.

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AN ACT TO AMEND § 58104(f) OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 58, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO CREATING **QUALIFYING** RELATIVE A **ENTICEMENT** CERTIFICATE FOR THE AND POTENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROCESSING TRADE COMPANY, AND A DISTRIBUTION, TRANSFORMATION, OR FULFILLMENT CENTER INDUSTRY ON GUAM.

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

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
that with Guam's proximity to Asia, we become an ideal destination for industries
such as a processing trade company, and a distribution, transformation, or fulfillment

center. Not only would enticing such entities to consider investing on Guam be
 beneficial in terms of stimulating our economy, but there would be a great
 opportunity of job creation.

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However, the costs of labor or logistics may be a concern for potential investors; thus, the need to create viable incentives to attract such industries to offset such distresses is paramount. The Qualifying Certificate offered by the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA) is an ideal tool and can be catered towards the needs or benefits of an entity, while assuring that job creation and other community contributions are prioritized.

10 This legislation does not dictate the benefits to be offered to investors (as that 11 is a function of GEDA), rather it includes new industries into the matrix of qualified 12 trades for available incentives that can help establish additional economic activity 13 on the island. Processing trade companies would essentially import materials with the intent of assembling or transforming them locally, and then export them to buyers 14 off- island; and, the attraction of labeling the goods as "Made in Guam, USA" may 15 16 be an enticing factor. As for distribution, transformation, or fulfillment centers, Guam's proximity to the Asian region benefits potential tariffs and timelines, thus 17 allowing the goods to be imported, stored, processed, and shipped from Guam. 18 19 These types of industries would essentially create many jobs for island residents.

Further, by allowing such industries to apply for incentives it may allow local companies to either invest in such ventures or seek our outside entities to do the same. The greatest marketing tool to help manifest new industries on Guam would be the commerce community on Guam.

Section 2. § 58104(f) of Article 1, Chapter 58, Title 12, Guam Code
Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

26 "(f) manufacturing, or a processing trade company, or a distribution,
27 transformation, or fulfillment center.

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For the purposes of this Chapter:

processing trade company means a company that imports (1)all or part of the raw and auxiliary materials, parts and components, accessories, and packaging materials from abroad, and exports the finished product(s), or sells the products locally, after processing, transforming, or assembling such product(s) on Guam. At least fifty percent (50%) of the finished product shall be assembled on Guam to 7 qualify for the incentives of this Chapter; and 8

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9 distribution, transformation, or fulfillment center means a (2)10 warehouse or specialized building stocked with products to be 11 redistributed to consumers locally or off-island and processed to order 12 completion. The distribution, transformation, or fulfillment center may 13 provide other services, such as product mixing, cross docking, and 14 packaging.

Finished products must qualify for the Guam Product Seal 15 pursuant to Public Law 18-42. Should there be any additional costs for 16 17 GEDA in evaluating this requirement, the Qualifying Certificate holder 18 shall bear such costs."

Severability. If any provision of this Act or its application to any 19 Section 3. 20 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall 21 not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without 22 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable. 23

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Effective Date. This Act shall be effective upon enactment. Section 4.