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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION VOTING RECORD

Bill No. 323-35 (COR) As amended on the Floor.	Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall Guam Congress Building June 15, 2020					
NAME	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Senator William M. CASTRO	J					
Senator Régine Biscoe LEE	J					
Senator Kelly G. MARSH (TAITANO), PhD	J					
Senator James C. MOYLAN	J					
Senator Louise B. MUÑA	J					
Speaker Tina Rose MUÑA BARNES	J				1	
Vice Speaker Telena Cruz NELSON	J					
Senator Sabina Flores PEREZ	J					
Senator Clynton E. RIDGELL	J					
Senator Joe S. SAN AGUSTIN	J					
Senator Amanda L. SHELTON	J					
Senator Telo T. TAITAGUE	J					
Senator Jose "Pedo" TERLAJE	J					
Senator Therese M. TERLAJE	J					
Senator Mary Camacho TORRES	J					
TOTAL:	15 Aye	Nay	Not Voting/	Out During	Absent	Excused
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Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 26203.3 TO ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 26, TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING LIMITED EXEMPTIONS TO SMALL BUSINESSES UNDER THE *DAVE SANTOS SMALL BUSINESS ENHANCEMENT ACT* TO MITIGATE IMPACTS RESULTING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that as of March 26, 2020, Guam had forty-five (45) confirmed cases of COVID-19
- 4 positive carriers. I Maga'hågan Guåhan has issued several executive orders, namely
- 5 2020-03 through 2020-06, declaring a state of emergency to respond to and prevent
- 6 the spread of COVID-19 on Guam. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on Guam

1 has been felt by many of our island businesses, causing them to down-scale

2 operations and shorten their hours of operations, which has resulted in less work

3 hours worked by employees; and, ultimately, many businesses have had to close

4 their doors. The COVID-19 public health emergency on Guam and Executive Orders

5 2020-03 through 2020-06 have caused many of our non-essential businesses to cease

operations in compliance with the executive orders. Due to these closures, thousands

of residents have lost their jobs or incomes due to layoffs or hours cut.

Therefore, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that some relief is necessary to assist business owners in recovering during this public health emergency and intends to provide relief via an amendment to the *Dave Santos Small Business Enhancement Act*.

Section 2. A new § 26203.3 is hereby *added* to Article 2 of Chapter 26, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"§ 26203.3. Temporary Limited Exemption for Certain Small Businesses.

Notwithstanding any provision of law, the taxes levied under this Article in excess of those generated from three percent (3%) of the gross proceeds of business privilege tax referenced in § 26202 shall not apply to the first Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) earned or received per taxable year by any person from real property rentals, rental others, profession, retailing, service income, commission income, licensed insurance premium, and/or farming, whose gross annual income is in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) but not more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) during the most recent tax year; provided, however, that such person(s) shall be fully subject to three percent (3%) of the gross proceeds of business privilege tax referenced in § 26202, subject to the existing requirements and exemptions referenced elsewhere in this Article.

The exemption set forth in this Section shall apply annually, commencing on the first day of the month of the new tax year, based on the gross annual income of a person during the most recent year, and shall end on the last day of the last month of the same tax year."

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Section 3. Effective Date. This Act shall be effective upon enactment and apply retroactively to January 1, 2020, and shall expire two (2) years from the date of enactment.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Act 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 Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.