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**2023 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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

**Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds

that *Guåhan* is once again faced with homes and businesses that had damaged electrical fixtures, most notably damaged weather heads. It is our understanding that the Guam Power Authority (understandably) temporarily removed these electrically damaged homes and businesses from GPA's power grid restoration work to protect the public. The next problem the owner encountered was finding a licensed / certified electrical company or electrician to do the repair work as required by GPA since they wanted a written certified document, despite electricians being qualified to repair the work.

*I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that without getting into the particulars about what "certified" requires, clearly the supply of these persons caused unnecessary hardships to the home and business owners, but most notably allegations of profiteering. This problem has existed for decades, including back during Super Typhoon Pongsona in December 2002. The resulting low supply of certified

16 electricians, and high demand for repairs generated not only substantial suffering  
17 from lack of power, but higher market prices driven by economic forces, either not  
18 covered by the Consumer Protection Act, or subject to an amorphous & substantial  
19 litigation time and financial expense to prove the prices charged are  
20 “unconscionable.” 5 G.C.A. § 32103(q).

21 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide immediate and effective  
22 relief, that requires that in cases of post-disaster recovery for damages resulting from  
23 a natural disaster, which would include tropical depressions, typhoons or super  
24 typhoon and earthquake related electrical damage.

25 **Section 2.** A new Article 7 is added to Chapter 8 Division 1 of Title 12,  
26 Guam Code Annotated, to read:

27 1. The Guam Power Authority shall require only the inspection by  
28 their own GPA certified personnel, and the residential or business customer  
29 need not provide any receipts for payment nor electrician certifications as a  
30 requirement to be restored to the Island power system;

31 2. Upon restoration of that electrical grid that GPA have its own  
32 certified inspector to inspect the residence or business’ damaged electrical  
33 fixture that caused their disconnection within 24 hours of their application or  
34 re-application, and that applications shall be available to the consumers online  
35 or via phone call in; and

36 3. That the inspection be at no charge to the residential or business  
37 customer.

38 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to  
39 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity  
40 shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect  
41 without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
42 Act is severable.