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BILL STATUS

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3-37 (COR)	Jesse A. Lujan	AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF PUBLIC LAW 34-116 §26202 OF CHAPTER 26, TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO REDUCING THE BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX FROM FIVE PERCENT (5%) TO FOUR PERCENT (4%). ALL LIMITED EXEMPTIONS ON THE BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX IN §26203.2 OF CHAPTER 26 TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED REMAIN IN EFFECT AND ARE NOT CHANGED BY THIS ACT.	1/6/23 11:55 a.m.						

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2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 3-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

Jesse A. Lujan 

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

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

the section in Public Law 34-116, which increased the Business Privilege Tax (BPT) from four percent (4%) to five percent (5%), increases the cost of goods and services for consumers in Guam. Due to the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic shutdown, Guam's tourism industry and the island's economy are enduring a slow recovery. Concurrently, Guam is also experiencing rapid inflation that has drastically increased prices over the past year and a half. Guam consumers require all financial relief possible. It is the intent of this legislation to address the concerns of the community and to provide immediate relief to both businesses and consumers in Guam.

1 **Section 2.** Business Privilege Tax Increase of Public Law 34-116 is hereby
2 amended.

3 **Section 3.** The Business Privilege Tax shall be four percent (4%), except in
4 the cases where limited exemptions on certain business privilege taxes provide that
5 which is even lower than four percent (4%). All of these certain small business
6 exemptions are still allowed. §26203.2 of Article 2, Chapter 26, Title 11 Guam Code
7 Annotated, is hereby unchanged. All other Business Privilege Tax rates will be four
8 percent (4%).

9 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
10 person or circumstances is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity
11 *shall* not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect
12 without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
13 Act are severable.

14 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall go into effect on the first (1st) day
15 of the month following enactment.