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AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW ARTICLE 6 & 7 TO CHAPTER 90 TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ADULT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM; WHICH SHALL COLLECTIVELY BE CITED AS "THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS CONSTRUCTION INITIATIVE ACT OF 2013".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the current Department of Corrections facility houses local inmates and detainees along with federal detainees in a compound that consists of sixteen (16) different housing units; among them the Adult Correctional Facility in Mangilao, the Women's Facility in Mangilao, Community Corrections Center in Mangilao, and the Hagåtña Detention Facility. These housing units are antiquated, dilapidated and house more than twice the number of prisoners for which they are designed. In recent years, growth in the prisoner and detainee population has far outpaced the Department of Corrections' ability to provide bed space.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that these structural limitations hamper the Department's mission to protect society by confining offenders in a controlled environment that is safe, humane, cost-efficient and secure. Furthermore, the Department is unable to provide prisoners with a range of work and other self-improvement and rehabilitative programs that will help reduce recidivism

among inmates as well as help them adopt a erime-free lifestyle upon reintegration in our island community.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that on February 13, 1991, the Untied States of America brought an action against the Territory of Guam, for violations pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. §1997 and the Constitutional rights of persons either confined or residing in the Adult Correctional Facility and Rosario Detention Facility. Both of these facilities cited are under the purview of the Department of Corrections. This action is on record with the United States District Court of Guam as CIV91-000020 and to this date the government of Guam remains in **noncompliance status**. The construction and renovation of facilities through this Act will adequately address all deficiencies and bring the Department into compliance and eliminate the possibility of federal receivership.

Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to authorize the construction of a new detention facility and the renovation of the Department of Corrections existing facilities as appropriate and to identify dedicated funding sources needed to finance the project.

Section 2. A new Article 6 of Chapter 90, Title 9, Guam Code Annotated is hereby *added* to read as follows:

17 "ARTICLE 6

THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS CONSTRUCTION INITIATIVE ACT OF 2013

§90.200. Title. This Act shall be known as the "Department of Corrections Construction Initiative Act of 2013".

§90.201. Purpose, I Liheslaturan Guåhan, recognizing the need to ensure the safety of the people of Guam by constructing a modern, secure and safe correctional facility authorizes the construction and renovation of the Department of Corrections (DOC). This will benefit Guam's taxpayers by confining offenders in the controlled environment of prison and community-based facilities that are safe, humane, cost-efficient, and appropriately secure, and to provide prisoners with a range of work and other self-improvement programs that will help them adopt a crime-free lifestyle upon their return to our community. To establish, identify, and authorize revenue streams as a funding source to provide the needed

1	revenue to secure a loan or other forms of financing arrangements for the design.
2	construction, collateral equipment and maintenance of the new correctional facility.
3	§90.202. Definitions. The following terms wherever used or referred to in this Act
4	shall have the following definitions, respectively, unless a different meaning appears from
5	the context:
6	(a)"Act" means the Department of Corrections Construction Initiative Act of 2013.
7	(b) "Contractor" means the authorized appropriate business or not for profit entity
8	which shall be the signatory on a lease and a lease-back arrangement and shall be fully
9	responsible for carrying out the financing, design, construction, collateral equipment and
10	maintenance of the DOC Correctional Facility.
11	(c) "Contract" shall mean the design, construction, maintenance, or financing
12	contract(s) entered into by and between the Department of Corrections and a Contractor(s) to
13	accomplish the purpose(s) of this act.
14	(d) "DOC" means Department of Corrections.
15	(e) "Director" means the Director, Department of Corrections.
16	(f) "Government" shall mean the government of Guam.
17	(g) "DOC Correctional Facility" shall mean the Department of Corrections building
18	structure or structures, together with all ancillary facilities, including parking facilities.
19	utilities, infrastructure and equipment associated with providing the services required by the
20	public safety agency.
21	(h) "DOC Building Fund" means Department of Corrections Building Fund by that
22	name established pursuant to this Act.
23	(i) "Lease" means a ground or site lease of property from DOC, or other government
24	entity, or private property, as applicable, to the Contractor.
25	(j) "Lease-back" means the facilities lease or other lease of the property from the
26	Contractor back to DOC, over the term of which the costs of the design, construction,
27	collateral equipment or maintenance of the corrections building facility are amortized,
28	according to the terms agreed to between DOC and the Contractor(s).
29	(k) "Pledged revenue" means any revenues identified within this Act pledged to
30	secure payments for the financing, lease or lease-back arrangement.

1	(1) "Property" means any property on which the correctional facility is located.
2	(m) "Revenue" of the project means all gross income and other amounts received

(m) "Revenue" of the project means all gross income and other amounts received by or on behalf of DOC as revenues identified within this Act, including all adjusted rates, fees and charges received by DOC and all proceeds of insurance or grants covering business interruption loss (and related losses and expenses) relating to the project, and all other income and revenue however derived by DOC from ownership, leasing, or operation of, or arising from, the project, together with all interest, profits or other income derived from the investment of amounts from revenues identified within this Act, to be deposited, directly into the DOC Building Fund in accordance with this Act.

§90.203. New DOC Correctional Facility.

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- (a) I Maga'lahen Guåhan, on behalf of the Department of Corrections, is hereby authorized to enter into a financial arrangement with a Contractor(s) for the financing, design, construction, collateral equipment and maintenance of the DOC Correctional Facility. Such financing arrangement may be with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or other financing sources available, in an effort to identify necessary funds for the implementation of the provisions contained in this Act.
- (b) The design of the facility and any financial arrangement to provide for the design, construction, collateral equipment and maintenance of the DOC Correctional Facility shall be subject to consultation with the Director.
- (c) The design of the facility shall include efficient use of space that will allow for the Department of Corrections to enhance its rehabilitation programs to ensure that work opportunities are provided for all inmates to be engaged in a productive, healthy manner while they are incarcerated. Rehabilitation may include farming, gardening, art production, license plate production, animal training, and any other light industry that are found to be successful for in preparing inmates re-integration into community life. The DOC Director shall conduct a review of proven and successful rehabilitation programs across national penal systems. The DOC Director shall search for grant opportunities as a way to fund the initiation of rehabilitation programs.

Monies generated from rehabilitation programs shall be deposited into the Prison Industries Revolving Fund to sustain the operations of the identified programs. Rules and

regulations shall be promulgated by DOC to carry out the provisions of this item, if necessary.

- (d) Any monies reimbursed to the Government of Guam by the Contractor(s) for expenses not actually incurred on the design and construction of the DOC Correctional Facility shall revert to the Fund.
- (c) In addition to the provisions contained in this Act, I Maga'lahen Guåhan is hereby authorized to identify and apply other funding sources, if necessary, to be designated and deposited into the DOC Building Fund. The Contractor in conjunction with DOC shall explore and identify any and all potential financing sources or grants, including, but not limited to, any Federal government agencies or private financial lending sources, that may be applied toward the financing of the construction of the DOC Correctional Facility. In carrying out the provisions of this subsection, the Contractor shall work with the Guam Economic Development Authority in the solicitation or acquisition of financing for the project.
- (f) Any revenue derived from a lease-back entered into, consistent with this Act, shall be exempt from business privilege taxation by the government of Guam. -
- (g) DOC Correctional Facility shall be built or acquired within its current location in Mangilao. Alternatively, the Facility may be constructed on any other site that has been deemed appropriate by the Department of Public Works, in consultation with DOC, with prior approval of the Legislature..
- (h) Valid and Binding General Obligations. Where appropriate, the financial obligation(s) arising from or attendant to any lease of lease-back authorized by this Act shall constitute valid and binding general obligations of the government of Guam. The government of Guam pledges its full faith and credit for the timely payment of both principal of and interest on the financial instrument authorized by this Act.
- §90.204. Authorization to Enter into Lease or Lease-Back Arrangements. I Maga'lahen Guåhan may enter into a lease and lease-back on behalf of the Department for the financing of the acquisition, design, construction, improvement, equipping, repair, renewal, replacement, or reconstruction of any DOC building, to include the maintenance of all or any portion of such facility over the term of the lease-back, according to the needs of

the Department and consistent with this Act. The costs of the financing, design, construction, collateral equipment and maintenance of the facility pursuant to this Act shall be amortized in periodic installments over the term of the lease-back period, which shall be mutually negotiated and determined by the Department and the Contractor, provided such lease-back does not exceed thirty (30) years from the date of construction completion. The lease and lease-back arrangement may contain a provision that should insufficient funds be available to meet the annualized payment obligation, the Department may be required to vacate the DOC buildings, and the contractor shall have the right of use and occupancy of the DOC building for the remainder of the term of the lease, unless new mutually satisfactory terms are entered into. For this specific purpose, the term of the lease may be extended for a period not to exceed the shorter of ten (10) years beyond the original term of the lease-back or such period of time as is necessary to repay in full any financing arranged pursuant to this Act. Upon the expiration of the lease-back period, and the fulfillment of the terms and conditions of the lease-back by the Department, the facilities shall revert to the Government of Guam with no further obligation to the Contractor.

The contractor, in an effort to effectively carry out its responsibilities in accordance with any agreed upon contract and the provisions set forth herein, shall work with the Guam Economic Development's Real Property Division to this end. The contractor may work with another business entity or entities in any manner the contractor deems appropriate to provide for the financing, design, construction, collateral equipment and maintenance of the DOC Correctional Facility.

It is hereby declared that the DOC Correctional Facility shall be a public improvement or undertaking as that term is used in Section 11 of the Organic Act (§ 1423a, Title 48, U.S. Code). Obligations incurred by the government pursuant to this Act that are payable only from funds in the DOC Building Fund and from any other revenues generated by the headquarters building facility, and will not be and shall not be deemed to be public indebtedness of Guam as that term is used in said Section 11.

No obligation undertaken by the government pursuant to this Act shall be or become a lien, charge or liability against the government of Guam or against the Department or against any property or funds of the government of Guam or the Department, except to the extent of the pledge of revenue of the project provided by the lease-back. The lease-back shall not be construed as a debt under any applicable debt limitation under Guam law.

§90.205. Procurement Process for the DOC Correctional Facility. The Department of Corrections, Department of Public Works and the Guam Economic Development Authority, acting collaboratively, shall facilitate the procurement process(es) for those things necessary to accomplish the purposes of this act.

§90.206. Authority of DOC. Notwithstanding any provision of law or regulation, DOC is authorized to exercise any or all of the powers granted to DOC by this Act.

§90.207. Optional Assignment of Lease or Lease-Back. To facilitate the purposes of this Act and to provide security for the leaseholders, the contractor may assign, with the consent of DOC and the Guam Economic Development Authority, the lease and the lease-back to any trustee, underwriter or other appropriate party as may be necessary to facilitate the issuance of certificates of participation in lease-back payments or other financial instruments to provide the financing for the DOC Correctional Facility.

§90.208. Use of Tax-Exempt Financing. To minimize the financing cost to DOC, financing utilized by the Contractor to fund the design, construction, collateral equipment and maintenance of the DOC Correctional Facility shall be through tax-exempt obligations or other financial instruments provided such financing is available at reasonable interest rates. Alternatively, the Contractor may use an alternative method of financing, including, but not limited to, a short term debt, mortgage, loan, federally guaranteed loan or loan by an instrumentality of the United States Federal Government if such financing will better serve the needs of the people of Guam. Such alternative financing shall be approved by the Guam Economic Development Authority before being entered into by DOC. The Contractor financing shall have a final term that does not exceed thirty (30) years from the DOC Facility occupancy date. The purpose for the requirements of this Section is to assure that DOC pays the lowest possible interest rate so that the cost of financing the design, construction, collateral equipment, and maintenance of the DOC Facility to the Department is minimized.

§90.209. Use of DOC Building Fund Proceeds and Other Identified Revenues as Secured Funding for Lease-Back Arrangement. The Lease or Lease-Back arrangement may be secured by a pledge of funding sources identified within Section 3 of this Act, and

any other revenue sources that *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* or the Legislature may identify. Any such pledge shall not be construed to cause the lease-back obligation to be included as debt for purposes of the Guam government debt limit.

§90.210. Issuance of Bonds or Acquisition of Financing through the Guam Economic Development Authority. In the event financing is sought through the sale of bonds, the Department of Corrections is hereby granted the authority to issue and sell bonds to carry out the purposes mandated by this Act in accordance with §50103(k) of Title 12, Guam Code annotated. The Department of Corrections shall solicit and acquire the assistance of the Guam Economic Development Authority in the issuance and sale of any bonds, or the acquisition of financing necessary to carry out the provisions contained in this Act.

§90.211. Responsibility of Contractor. The lease or lease-back arrangement shall require that the contractor be responsible for financing all costs, expenses and fees of any kind or nature, associated with the improvements, on-site infrastructure and off-site infrastructure, construction, permits and financing associated with the completion of the correctional facility, which may include the financing of furniture and equipment for the facility, as to the extent provided by the Department in the RFP. The Contractor shall also be responsible for the capital maintenance of the DOC Correctional Facility during the term of the lease-back.

The Contractor shall also be responsible for the installation of security equipment, to include but not limited to, automated locking systems, surveillance cameras, fences, barriers and other security technology both inside and around the perimeter of the property of the DOC Correctional Facility. The Contractor will be responsible for the maintenance of all security equipment during the term of the leaseback.

§90,212. Responsibility of Costs for the initial Installation of Utility Services, Telephone, Cable, and General Maintenance and Repair. The Contractor shall be responsible for the connection and payment of all utilities associated costs, including without limitation, power, water, sewer, telephone and cable, and all routine interior maintenance and repair and exterior grounds keeping and landscaping and upkeep of the headquarters Building

1 facility. General building maintenance and repair shall be performed by Contractor as 2 provided for in this Act. 3 **§90.213.** Construction of Act. This Act shall be liberally construed to earry out the 4 objects and purposes and the declared policy of the government of Guam as in this Article set 5 forth. Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed directly or by implication to be in any 6 way in derogation or limitation of powers conferred upon or existing in the Department, the 7 Director or I Maga'lahen Guåhan by virtue of any provisions of the Organie Act or laws of 8 Guam. 9 §90.214. Administration of DOC. Nothing in this act shall remove the Director, 10 corrections officers and staff of the Department of Corrections from running the day-to-day 11 operations of DOC. In no way shall this Act privatize the operations at DOC, except as 12 explicitly indicated in this Act. 13 890.215. LEED Certification. The Contractor shall construct and/or renovate DOC 14 facilities to be "Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design" (LEED) certified as outlined 15 by the United States Green Building Council in order to promote cost savings and lessen the 16 environmental impact at DOC." 17 **Section 3.** A new Article 7 of Chapter 90 Title 9. Guam Code Annotated is hereby *added* to 18 read as follows: 19 "ARTICLE 7. 20 **Department of Corrections Building Fund** 21 §90.300. Creation of the Department of Corrections Building Fund. There is 22 hereby created, separate and apart from other funds of the government of Guam, a special 23 fund known as the "Department Of Corrections Building Fund", hereinafter referred to as 24 the "fund". 25 §90.301. Separate Fund and Bank Account. The DOC Building Fund shall not be 26 commingled with the General Fund or any other fund of the government of Guam, and shall 27 be maintained in a separate bank account. The Fund shall be exempted from the Governor's

transfer authority and may not be borrowed against unless otherwise provided for in this Act,

and shall be exclusively used for the purposes set forth herein.

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§90.302. Authorized Expenditures of the Department of Corrections Building Fund and Authorization to Construct. Funds within the DOC Building Fund shall be expended exclusively for financing the design, construction, collateral equipment and maintenance of a new correctional facility, including, but not limited to, making lease payments and paying costs related to the following: architectural and engineering design for the proposed correctional facility; environmental concerns; archeological and historic site survey and or assessment of the project site; site preparation and civil work for the building foundation; construction cost for the structure of the building facility, to include project associated costs incurred by the Department of Public Works.

§90.303. Administration and Accountability of the Department of Corrections Building Fund. The Director shall account for and administer the DOC Building Fund and shall keep all books, records, files and accounts relative to the respective DOC Building Fund. The Director shall prepare quarterly reports relative to the DOC Building Fund reflecting the transactions and the financial condition of the respective DOC Building Fund, which shall be transmitted to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

§90.304. Traffic Citation Surcharge. Any and all traffic citations issued shall have a 20% surcharge applied therein, which shall be directly deposited into the DOC Building Fund and shall be subject to the provisions of this Act.

§90.305. Special Assessment for Contempt of Court and Probation Violations. A special assessment in the amount of \$300.00 shall be levied against all individuals sentenced, remanded, or held for any period of confinement with the DOC for violating probation, pretrial release conditions, or for being held in contempt of court. Payment of the special assessment shall become a term of the violators probation or release conditions or fine for contempt as the case may be and shall not be convertible to community service. All monies collected through this special assessment shall be directly deposited into the DOC Building Fund and shall be subject to the provisions of this Act.

§90.306. Deposit of Monies into the DOC Building Fund. All monies generated from traffic surcharges, special assessment, and other sources as identified shall be deposited into the DOC Building Fund. *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* is hereby authorized to utilize any other

funding source within his oversight to commit and deposit into the DOC Building Fund. Such funds once committed and deposited therein shall be subject to the provisions and restrictions of the Fund. All monies deposited into the Fund shall be solely for the purpose of paying debt service for the financing of the DOC Correctional Facility, and as provided in this Act.

The Director, without jeopardizing operational requirements, is authorized to use no more than five percent (5%) of its approved budget, or other available funding sources, to be deposited into the DOC Building Fund for the payment of loan or financing obligations. The Director is authorized to apply the use of excess Fund proceeds, only if such funds are in excess of the annualized payment requirements and are approved by the financing entity prior to any expenditures; which shall be subject to Legislative Approval.

All fines and surcharges generated under this Act shall be paid at the Superior Court of Guam. Prior to any deposits required by this section, the Superior Court shall deduct up to ten percent (10%) and use such funds for the increased demands and administrative costs associated with the implementation of this Act."

Section 4. Effective Date. The provisions contained in this Act shall be effective immediately upon enactment. Any Rules and Regulations promulgated as a result of provisions contained herein shall be effective upon the date specified per existing statutory mandates.

Section 5. 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 which can be given effect without the invalid provisions application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.