## MINA' TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. <u>242-3</u>2CCOR)

Introduced by:

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## AN ACT TO AMEND §28.65 OF CHAPTER 28, TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE CRIME OF INDECENT EXPOSURE.

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

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that 3 the crime of indecent exposure is currently classified as a petty misdemeanor in Guam's criminal code. Because of this, the Guam Police Department has had 4 5 difficulty in arresting individuals who have been accused of committing indecent 6 exposure. In order to ensure that those accused of indecent exposure are properly 7 arrested, it is necessary to increase the penalty for the offense. Therefore, it is the 8 intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to increase the penalty for indecent exposure by 9 amending §28.65 of Chapter 28, Title 9 Guam Code Annotated.

Section 2. §28.65 of Chapter 28, Title 9 Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

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## "§ 28.65. Indecent Exposure; Defined & Punished.

A person commits a petty misdemeanor the crime of indecent exposure if he or she exposes his their genitals or performs any other lewd act under circumstances in which his their conduct is likely to be observed by any person who would be offended or alarmed.

17 Except as provided below, indecent exposure is a misdemeanor.
18 Indecent exposure is a felony in the third degree if:

1	1) a person exposes their genitals or performs any other lewd act to
2	a person under the age of sixteen (16) years; or
3	2) a person exposes their genitals or performs any other lewd act
4	for the purpose of sexual gratification; or
5	3) a person has previously been convicted under this section; or
6	4) a person has been convicted of any other sex offense as defined
7	in a provision of the Guam Code Annotated."
8	Section 3. Effective Date. This Act shall be effective upon enactment.
9	Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Law or its application to any
10	person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall
11	not affect other provisions or applications of this Law which can be given effect
12	without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this

13 Law are severable.