

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Bill No. 158-32 (COR)

Introduced by:

Michael F.Q. San Nicolas 

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AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO DETERMINE PAYMENTS THAT CAN BE MADE THROUGH ITS WEBSITE AND TO REQUIRE THE BUREAU OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO ESTIMATE THE COST OF IMPLEMENTING SUCH ONLINE PAYMENTS.

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Short Title. This Act *shall* be referred to as the  
3 “Responsible Online Payments Act”.

4 Section 2. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
5 finds the people of Guam will benefit greatly from online payment  
6 opportunities that will save them time and reduce the wait times for  
7 residents who wish to avail themselves of government services in person.  
8 Additionally, road travel by residents to take care of business which *may*  
9 reasonably be accomplished online adds to traffic congestion on Guam’s  
10 roadways.

1            *I Liheslatura* further finds that every improvement to transactional  
2 efficiency and reduced traffic congestion results in economic benefits in the  
3 form of higher productivity, lower fuel consumption and positive  
4 consumer morale.

5            It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to require that the  
6 Director of each agency review payments that are made to the respective  
7 agency to determine which could be made through each agency’s website.

8            **Section 3. Determination of Payments.** The Director or equivalent  
9 of each agency or instrumentality (hereinafter, ‘agency’) of the government  
10 of Guam, supported by the Department of Administration for line agencies  
11 of the government of Guam, *shall* make a review of all payments made  
12 through the normal course of business to the agency to determine which  
13 payments could be remitted through the agency’s website. All payments  
14 *shall* be determined as “plausible” or “implausible” for online transactions,  
15 with all “implausible” determinations requiring an explanation for such  
16 categorization. The findings thereof *shall* be reported to the Bureau of  
17 Information Technology, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and *I Maga’lahen Guåhan* by  
18 no later than ninety (90) days following the enactment of this Act.

19            **Section 4. Estimation of Costs.** The Bureau of Information  
20 Technology *shall*, upon receipt of the findings of each agency or  
21 instrumentality of the government of Guam pursuant to §3 of this Act,  
22 estimate the costs associated with implementing “plausible” online  
23 payments as proposed pursuant to such findings and report the same to *I*

1 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* and *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* within ninety (90) days  
2 following receipt of the report of the agency.

3       **Section 5. Consideration for Action.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan shall*  
4 review the cost estimates of implementing online payments, as reported by  
5 the Bureau of Information Technology, and *shall* determine if “plausible”  
6 payments warrant appropriation to allow implementation. Those  
7 payments determined “implausible” *shall* be reviewed for policy solutions  
8 that may render such payments “plausible” for online payment.