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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that radon is a known carcinogen, considered by the United States Environmental
4 Protection Agency (USEPA) as the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United
5 States. A radioactive, colorless, and odorless gas, radon may also impede the
6 function of other vital organs, such as the thyroid gland that produces hormones that
7 control heart rate, blood pressure, body temperature, metabolism, and weight,
8 according to recent studies. Radon, as a byproduct of decay of natural elements such
9 as radium and uranium in rocks and soil, may enter buildings and other enclosed
10 spaces and accumulate at concentrations above the USEPA recommended radon
11 action level of 4 picocuries per liter of air (4 pCi/L). Historically, some private
12 homes and public facilities, including schools, on Guam have tested for radon levels
13 above the USEPA recommended action level.

1 (d) If radon is found in a school or licensed child care facility
2 exceeding four (4) picocuries per liter of air after repeated testing as
3 prescribed by the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, any industry
4 accepted mitigation technique approved by the Guam Environmental
5 Protection Agency shall be used to reduce the radon level to the level or below
6 the level determined acceptable by the school building authority.

7 (e) The Guam Environmental Protection Agency shall provide free
8 radon testing services to properly licensed child care facilities, for the
9 purposes of conducting radon testing and reporting on these results.

10 (f) The Guam Environmental Protection Agency shall collaborate
11 with Guam Department of Education to seek federal grants to assist in the
12 testing and mitigation of radon.”

13 **Section 4. Needs Assessment of Government of Guam Buildings.** The
14 Department of Administration, in collaboration with the Guam Environmental
15 Protection Agency, shall conduct a Needs Assessment of Government of Guam
16 buildings to determine which Government of Guam buildings are to be prioritized
17 for radon testing and mitigation, based on occupancy rate and residency period for
18 members of the public and government employees. This Needs Assessment shall be
19 conducted and transmitted to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*
20 within six (6) months of passage of this Act.

21 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to
22 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity
23 *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect
24 without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
25 Act are severable.