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I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

THIRTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE 155 Hesler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

November 19, 2015

The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo I Maga'låhen Guåhan Ufisinan I Maga'låhi Hagåtña, Guam

Dear Maga'låhi Calvo:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 75-33 (COR), 124-33 (COR), 147-33 (COR), 163-33 (LS), and 188-33 (COR); and Substitute Bill Nos. 133-33 (COR), 196-33 (LS) and 203-33 (COR), which were passed by *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on November 19, 2015.

Sincerely

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES

Legislative Secretary

Enclosure (8)

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I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LÅHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 188-33 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 70108 AND 70109.1 OF CHAPTER 70, DIVISION 2, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE **PROMOTING** ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CONSUMER **PROTECTION** BY REQUIRING THE **PUBLICATION** OF CONTRACTORS LIST AND STRENGTHENING THE PENALTIES FOR UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS," was on the 19th day of November 2015, duly and regularly passed.

> Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'låhen Guåhan this 19th day of Novimber,
2015, at 50 o'clock .M.

Assistant Staff Officer
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APPROVED:

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'låhen Guåhan

Date:

Public Law No.

I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 188-33 (COR)

As amended by the Sponsor; and further amended on the Floor.

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AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 70108 AND 70109.1 OF CHAPTER 70, DIVISION 2, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE TO ANNOTATED. RELATIVE **PROMOTING** CONSUMER PROTECTION BY REQUIRING THE PUBLICATION OF A CONTRACTORS LIST AND STRENGTHENING THE **PENALTIES** FOR UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Publication of Contractors List Required. § 70108 of
- 3 Chapter 70, Division 2, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby amended to
- 4 read:

Licenses; Publication of Contractors List Required. No person within the purview of this Chapter shall act, or assume to act, or advertise, as a general engineering contractor, a general building contractor or a specialty contractor without a license previously obtained under and in

compliance with this Chapter and the rules and regulations of the

Contractors License Board (CLB).

"§ 70108.

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The CLB shall publish, in print and electronically, in a newspaper of general circulation, as defined in Title 5 GCA, § 8104(a)(5)(B), a list of contractors authorized to conduct business on Guam. The list of contractors shall include, but not be limited to, the contractor's name and phone number(s), CLB license number, identification of responsible managing employee, and authorized classification(s). The CLB shall also include instructions on how the public may verify if certain contractors have been added to, or removed from, the contractors list. The list of contractors shall be published annually, no later than on the first Monday of August, shall be made available to the general public via the CLB's website, and shall be updated on a monthly basis."

Section 2. Citations Involving Unlicensed Contractors. § 70109.1 of Chapter 70, Division 2, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby amended to read:

"§ 70109.1. Investigation Citation Authority.

In addition to any other remedy available, the investigator of (a) the Contractors License Board may issue citations to acting contractors. licensed or unlicensed, in violation of the provisions of this Chapter and rules promulgated pursuant to the requirements of the Administrative Adjudication Law.

(b) Each citation *shall* be in writing and *shall* describe the basis of the citation, including the statutory provisions alleged to have been violated. The citation *shall* also contain an order to cease and desist from the violation, and an assessment of civil penalties of *no less than* Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), but *not to exceed* fifty percent (50%) of the value of the project.

- (c) Citations for unlicensed contractors *shall* each contain an order to cease and desist from the violation, and an assessment of civil penalties of fifty percent (50%) of the value of the project of which *no less than* fifty percent (50%) *shall* be used to compensate affected consumers. Payments *shall* be made in accordance with rules promulgated by the CLB in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Adjudication Law.
- (d) Recipients of contractual work *shall* be notified of each violation in a timely manner."
- **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the 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 provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.