

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 64(15)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBPARAGRAPH (E) TO §64.70(b)(1) AND A NEW SUBSECTION (g) TO §64.70, CHAPTER 64, ARTICLE 2, TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF SENIOR CITIZENS WITHIN SENIOR CENTERS ON GUAM TO INCLUDE CARD GAMES AND MAJONG GAMES.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that
3 over the years, the Senior Citizen Centers on Guam have been recreational centers for
4 Senior Citizens. Senior Citizen Centers have incorporated certain activities such as bingo
5 into their day-to-day routine for purely recreational purposes, in addition to field trips.

6 *I Liheslatura* also finds that sometimes card games and majong games are played
7 at some of the centers during regular service hours. *I Liheslatura* also finds that card
8 games and majong games are forms of social gaming that are played in private homes,
9 fairs, fiestas, and carnivals.

10 *I Liheslatura* finds that bingo gaming at the Senior Citizen Centers is regulated by
11 the Department of Revenue and Taxation which issues the annual permit required for
12 "Organizations Authorized to Conduct Gambling." However, card games and majong
13 games are games which sometimes are played at Senior Citizen Centers which may not
14 have been authorized.

15 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to increase the social and
16 recreational activities of Senior Citizens during the hours of operation of the Senior
17 Citizen Centers on Guam to include card games and majong games, by adding a new
18 subparagraph (E) to §64.70(b)(1) and a new subsection (g) to §64.70, Chapter 64, Article
19 2, Title 9, Guam Code Annotated.

1 **Section 2. A new subparagraph (E) of §64.70 (b)(1) of Chapter 64, Article 2,**
2 **Title 9, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby added to read as follows:**

3 “(b) A permit to conduct gambling activities shall be issued by the Director of the
4 Department of Revenue and Taxation if:

5 (1) the organization which applies for the permit has been organized and
6 functioning actively as a nonprofit organization in the Territory for not less than
7 two (2) years prior to filing its application and is:

8 (A) a church or religious organization;

9 (B) a fraternal or fraternal benefit society;

10 (C) an educational or charitable organization; or

11 (D) a club or organization organized and operated exclusively for
12 pleasure, recreation and other nonprofit purposes not part of the net
13 earnings of which inures to the benefit of any member or shareholder;

14 (E) engaged in providing services to Senior Citizens in Senior
15 Citizen Centers as determined by the Department of Public Health and
16 Human Services.”

17 **Section 3. A new subsection (g) of §64.70. of Chapter 64, Article 2, Title 9**
18 **Guam Code Annotated is hereby added to read as follows:**

19 “(g) Notwithstanding any of the section of law only those organizations as
20 defined in subparagraph §64.70 (b)(1)(E) of Chapter 64, Article 2, Title 9, Guam Code
21 Annotated is authorized to conduct gambling activities that consists of the following:
22 Bingo, Lottery (Raffle Tickets), Card Games, and Majong Games.

23 (1) Rules and Regulations. No permit shall be issued for purposes set
24 forth in subparagraph (E) of section §64.70.(b)(1) and subsection (g) to §64.70.,
25 Chapter 64, Article 2, Title 9 Guam Code Annotated unless the application for the
26 permit includes specific rules, regulations and procedures that govern the conduct,
27 financial accountability and reporting of these gaming activities. Such rules,
28 regulations, and procedures must include, at a minimum:

1 (A) that the person is a participant who is registered with the
2 Senior Citizen Center Program Administrator for the respective Senior
3 Citizen Center;

4 (B) that only tokens shall be used in the gaming;

5 (C) that no more than twenty dollars (\$20.00) value of tokens may
6 be exchanged per participant, per day;

7 (D) that no more than two (2) games of majong and two (2)
8 games of cards may be played in any center, at any one time during
9 authorized hours.”