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AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION 30106 (c) OF CHAPTER 30, TITLE 11 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO EXEMPTIONS FROM HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan 3 *Guahan* assigns the funding of priority programs and projects of the island's 4 tourism industry a high priority particularly in light of the diminishing number of visitors we are seeing today and the level of global and regional 5 competition for tourists that Guam presently encounters. It has become 6 7 apparent to all who are part of the industry or who are responsible for 8 providing financial, environmental or physical resources to the industry that 9 we must build and maintain a competitive edge in order to continue forward. 10 To achieve this, we must safeguard the revenue stream supporting the industry and collect the appropriate transit tax assessment on all of the 11 12 lodging and hospitality services provided by the industry. It is recognized 13 that the government tax collected and deposited into the TAF has become 14 essential in providing the resources needed for this industry to evolve 15 progressively. As such, I' Liheslaturan Guahan wishes to embark upon 16 viable opportunities to maintain the financial integrity of the government revenues of the TAF by removing collection impediments and or leakages
that hinder the TAF be they policy based or systematic oversight related to
the process of assessing taxes and collecting revenues due to the government
of Guam.

5 Section 2. Section 30106 (c) of Chapter 30, Title 11 of the Guam
6 Code Annotated is hereby repealed in its entirety:

^{*}§ 30106. Exclusions and Exemptions.
(c) The tax imposed by this Chapter shall not apply to any
transaction involving a sale to the government of Guam, the
government of the United States, the government of any Foreign
Sovereignty, or any agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing
governments in regard to any activity or function engaged in.
Section 3. Effective Date. This Act shall become effective upon

14 enactment.

15 Section 4. Severability. If any provisions of this Act or the 16 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such 17 invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this Act 18 which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to 19 this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

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