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***I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2020 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 333-35 (COR)**

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**AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RAPID AND  
TRANSPARENT IMPLEMENTATION OF FEDERAL  
AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS RELATED TO  
COVID-19.**

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

**2 Section 1. Legislative Intent and Findings**

**3** *I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds on March 27, 2020, President Trump  
**4** signed into law H.R. 748, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act  
**5** (CARES Act) as U.S. Public Law 116-136, which provides an estimated \$2 trillion  
**6** stimulus package to states and territories to address the health and economic impacts  
**7** of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**8** *I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds that the COVID-19 pandemic on Guam  
**9** has crippled numerous private sector businesses and employees amid the necessary  
**10** islandwide quarantine of the residents of Guam.

**11** *I Liheslaturan Guahan* further finds that the government of Guam must  
**12** act swiftly to bring much needed economic relief to the people of Guam and access  
**13** the federal assistance opportunities of Public Law 116-136.

**14** **Section 2.** *I Maga'hågan Guahan* may hire temporary employees to  
**15** implement and expedite federal and local programs related to H.R. 748, and to

1 process tax refunds on an expedited basis. *I Maga'hågan Guahan* shall report to *I*  
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* on July 1, 2020 and monthly thereafter, the number of  
3 temporary employees hired pursuant to this Section, the positions filled, the length  
4 of employment, the cost of said hiring, the source of funding, and the nature of the  
5 critical need that was filled.

6 **Section 3.** Within five (5) business days after enactment of this Act, the  
7 Government of Guam shall sign all necessary MOUs and MOAs, and shall establish  
8 all necessary programs, to effectuate the provisions of H.R. 748, now Public Law  
9 116-136, between the United States Federal Government and the Territory of  
10 Guam. *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* and every Director or Agency head *shall* submit to *I*  
11 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* a copy of any agreement signed on behalf of the agency or the  
12 government of Guam within 12 hours of signing on behalf of Guam, and shall submit  
13 a copy of the fully executed agreement within 12 hours of receipt.

14 **Section 4.** The Department of Revenue and Taxation is authorized to  
15 implement any procedures necessary to implement the federal Economic Impact  
16 Payments or cash assistance program. In implementing the cash assistance  
17 procedures for the federal tax rebate program, the Department of Revenue and  
18 Taxation *shall not* allow any abatement, attachment, or garnishment of the Economic  
19 Impact Payment except for child support.

20 **Section 5.** Notwithstanding the Administrative Adjudication Act, the  
21 Department of Labor *shall* utilize any existing program or create separate rules for  
22 the implementation of the unemployment insurance program authorized in H.R. 748,  
23 now U.S. Public Law 116-136. Said rules shall be posted on the DOL website, and  
24 shall be transmitted to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* within 15 days of  
25 enactment of this Act.

26 **Section 6.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any funds that may  
27 be subject to legislative authorization or appropriation for expenditure pursuant to

1 Section 5001, Title V of H.R. 748 *shall not* be expended without the express consent  
2 of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and are not subject to transfer.

3 **Section 7.** *I Maga'hågan Guahan* shall keep a full account of all COVID-  
4 19 expenses incurred by *I Maga'håga* funded with either local or federal funds, and  
5 shall report such to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* within 5 days of the close of each calendar  
6 month. Reports shall include a clear description of the source of funds, such as  
7 transferred funds, lapsed funds, local appropriations, federal funds, or any other  
8 discernable fund type.

9 **Section 8.** The OPA shall conduct semi-annual audits of all expenditures  
10 on Guam associated with H.R. 748, now U.S. Public Law 116-136 for compliance  
11 with all applicable local and federal laws and may require from agencies or the  
12 Governor information required to complete the audits.

13 **Section 9. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any  
14 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity *shall*  
15 *not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without  
16 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are  
17 severable.