

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
80-38 (COR)	V. Anthony Ada	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> §§ 3101 AND 3103 OF ARTICLE 1, AND §§ 3109, 3111, 3113, 3115, 3117, 3119, 3121, 3123 AND 3125 OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 31, TITLE 15, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE THRESHOLDS FOR ESTATES OF SMALL VALUE BY FIFTY PERCENT (50%).	3/5/25 3:45 p.m.	3/14/25 3:48 p.m.	Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement.	Request: 3/14/25 Waiver: 3/24/25	4/22/25 2:00 p.m.	5/13/25	
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	5/27/25	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> §§ 3101 AND 3103 OF ARTICLE 1, AND §§ 3109, 3111, 3113, 3115, 3117, 3119, 3121, 3123 AND 3125 OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 31, TITLE 15, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED , RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE THRESHOLDS FOR ESTATES OF SMALL VALUE BY FIFTY PERCENT (50%).	6/3/25	6/5/25	6/17/25				

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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
Thirty-Eighth Guam Legislature

June 5, 2025

The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan
Ufisinan I Maga'håga
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear *Maga'håga* Leon Guerrero:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 6-38 (COR), 18-38 (COR), 20-38 (COR), 23-38 (COR), 27-38 (COR), 33-38 (COR), 50-38 (COR), 53-38 (COR), 54-38 (COR), 55-38 (COR), 59-38 (COR), 66-38 (COR), 67-38 (COR), 75-38 (COR), 78-38 (COR), 80-38 (COR), 83-38 (COR), 88-38 (COR), 89-38 (COR), 95-38 (COR), 109-38 (COR), 121-38 (COR), 129-38 (COR) and 130-38 (COR), and Substitute Bill Nos. 28-38 (COR) and 118-38 (COR) which were passed by *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan* on June 3, 2025.

Sincerely,

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary

Enclosure (26)



I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

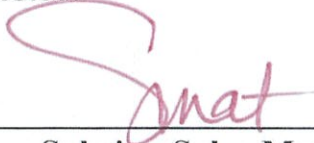
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that **Bill No. 80-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 3101 AND 3103 OF ARTICLE 1, AND §§ 3109, 3111, 3113, 3115, 3117, 3119, 3121, 3123 AND 3125 OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 31, TITLE 15, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE THRESHOLDS FOR ESTATES OF SMALL VALUE BY FIFTY PERCENT (50%),"** was on the 3rd day of June 2025, duly and regularly passed.



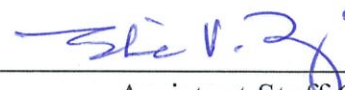
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Speaker

Attested:



Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 5th day of June, 2025, at 4:56 o'clock P.M.



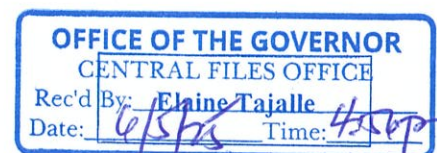
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Bill No. 80-38 (COR)

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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* §§ 3101 AND 3103 OF ARTICLE 1,
AND §§ 3109, 3111, 3113, 3115, 3117, 3119, 3121, 3123 AND
3125 OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 31, TITLE 15, GUAM
CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE
THRESHOLDS FOR ESTATES OF SMALL VALUE BY
FIFTY PERCENT (50%).**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. § 3101 of Article 1, Chapter 31, Title 15, Guam Code Annotated,
is *amended* to read:

**“§ 3101. Estates Under One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five
Hundred Dollars (\$112,500); Summary Administration or Probate;**

1 **Affidavit.** When a decedent leaves no real property, nor interest therein nor
2 lien thereon, in the territory of Guam, and the total value of the decedent's
3 property in Guam, excluding any motor vehicle of which the decedent was the
4 owner or the legal owner, over and above any amounts due to the decedent for
5 services in the armed forces of the United States, and over and above the
6 amount of salary not exceeding Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000), including
7 compensation for unused vacation, owing to the decedent for services from
8 any employment, does not exceed One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five
9 Hundred Dollars (\$112,500), the surviving spouse, the children, lawful issue
10 of deceased children, a parent, brothers or sisters of the decedent, the lawful
11 issue of a deceased brother or sister, the guardian of the estate of any minor
12 or incompetent person bearing such relationship to the decedent, or the trustee
13 named under a trust agreement executed by the decedent during his lifetime,
14 the primary beneficiaries of which bear such relationship to the decedent, if
15 such person or persons has or have a right to succeed to the property of the
16 decedent, or is the sole beneficiary or are all of the beneficiaries under the last
17 will and testament of the decedent, may without procuring letters
18 testamentary, letters of administration with the will annexed or letters of
19 administration, and without awaiting administration upon the estate of an
20 intestate decedent or the probate of the will of a testate decedent, collect any
21 money due to the decedent, receive the property of the decedent, and have any
22 evidences of interest, indebtedness or right transferred to such person or
23 persons upon furnishing the person, representative, corporation, officer or
24 body owing the money, having custody of such property or acting as registrar
25 or transfer agent of such evidences of interest, indebtedness or right, with an
26 affidavit showing the right of the person or persons to receive the money or
27 property, or to have such evidences transferred."

1 **Section 2.** § 3103 of Article 1, Chapter 31, Title 15, Guam Code Annotated,
2 is *amended* to read:

3 **“§ 3103. Estates Under Fifty-Two Thousand Five Hundred**
4 **Dollars (\$52,500); Surviving Spouse’s Right to Three Thousand Seven**
5 **Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3,750) From Deposits in Savings Institutions.**

6 Whether a person dies testate or intestate, and irrespective of the character of
7 his property, if the value of the estate does not exceed Fifty-Two Thousand
8 Five Hundred Dollars (\$52,500), the decedent’s surviving spouse, if entitled
9 by succession or by the last will and testament of the decedent to any money
10 of the decedent on deposit in any bank, savings and loan association, credit
11 union or other savings institution licensed to do business in Guam, may collect
12 such money, not to exceed the total sum of Three Thousand Seven Hundred
13 Fifty Dollars (\$3,750), without procuring letters testamentary, letters of
14 administration with the will annexed or letters of administration, and without
15 awaiting administration upon the estate of an intestate decedent or the probate
16 of the will of a testate decedent, upon furnishing the bank, savings and loan
17 association, credit union or other savings institution with an affidavit showing
18 the right of the affiant to receive such money.”

19 **Section 3.** § 3109 of Article 2, Chapter 31, Title 15, Guam Code Annotated,
20 is *amended* to read:

21 **“§ 3109. Setting Aside Estates Under One Hundred Twelve**
22 **Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500); Authority to Set Aside.** If the
23 decedent leaves a surviving spouse or minor child or minor children, and the
24 net value of the whole estate, over and above all liens and encumbrances at
25 the date of death and over and above the value of any homestead interest set
26 apart out of the decedent’s estate under the provisions of §§ 2401 or 2409 of
27 this Title, does not exceed the sum of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five

1 Hundred Dollars (\$112,500), the same may be set aside to the surviving
2 spouse, if there be one, and if there be none, then to the minor child or minor
3 children of the decedent.”

4 **Section 4.** § 3111 of Article 2, Chapter 31, Title 15, Guam Code Annotated,
5 is *amended* to read:

6 **“§ 3111. Setting Aside Estates Under One Hundred Twelve**
7 **Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500): Petition; Allegations; Time;**
8 **Verification; Contents.** Allegations showing that this Article is applicable,
9 together with a prayer that the estate be set aside as provided in this Article,
10 may be presented without filing a petition for letters testamentary, letters of
11 administration with the will annexed or letters of administration, by petition
12 of the person named in the will as the executor or of the surviving spouse or
13 of the guardian of the minor child or children of the decedent. Such allegations
14 and prayer may also be included alternatively in the petition for letters
15 testamentary, letters of administration with the will annexed or letter of
16 administration, or such allegations and prayer may be presented by separate
17 petition filed by the personal representative of the decedent, or by the
18 surviving spouse, or by the guardian of the minor child or children, filed at
19 any time before the hearing on the petition for letters testamentary, letters of
20 administration with the will annexed or letters of administration or after the
21 filing of the inventory. In all cases, the petition shall be verified. The
22 allegations shall include a specific description and an estimate of the value of
23 all of the decedent’s property, a list of all liens and encumbrances at the date
24 of death, and a designation of any property as to which a homestead is set
25 apart out of the decedent’s estate under the provisions of §§ 2401 or 2409 of
26 this Title.”

1 **Section 5.** § 3113 of Article 2, Chapter 31, Title 15, Guam Code Annotated,
2 is *amended* to read:

3 **“§ 3113. Setting Aside Estates Under One Hundred Twelve**
4 **Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500): Notice of Hearing;**
5 **Proceedings Included in Petition for Letters.** If the allegations and prayer
6 as provided in § 3111 of this Title are included in the petition for letters
7 testamentary, letters of administration with the will annexed or letters of
8 administration, the notice of hearing shall include a statement that a prayer for
9 setting aside the estate to the surviving spouse or minor child or minor
10 children, as the case may be, is included in the petition.”

11 **Section 6.** § 3115 of Article 2, Chapter 31, Title 15, Guam Code Annotated,
12 is *amended* to read:

13 **“§ 3115. Setting Aside Estates Under One Hundred Twelve**
14 **Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500): Notice of Hearing;**
15 **Proceedings Under Separate Petition.**

16 (a) If a separate petition is filed under the provisions of § 3111
17 of this Title without there having been any other petition filed, there
18 shall be no notice of any type other than as prescribed in this subsection.
19 In such cases, the Clerk of the Superior Court shall set the petition for
20 hearing, and notice of the hearing shall be given in the manner provided
21 in § 3401 of this Title.

22 (b) If the hearing of the original petition for letters
23 testamentary, letters of administration with the will annexed, or letters
24 of administration is set for a day more than ten (10) calendar days after
25 the filing of a separate petition filed with respect the same estate, the
26 latter shall be set for hearing at the same time as the former and notice
27 thereof shall be given in the manner provided in § 3401 of this Title; if

1 not, the separate petition shall be set for hearing at least ten (10)
2 calendar days after the date on which it is filed, and if the original
3 petition has not already been heard it shall be continued until such date
4 and heard at the same time.”

5 **Section 7.** § 3117 of Article 2, Chapter 31, Title 15, Guam Code Annotated,
6 is *amended* to read:

7 “§ 3117. **Setting Aside Estate Under One Hundred Twelve**
8 **Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500): Inventory and**
9 **Appraisement; Filing.** Upon the filing of any petition provided for in this
10 Article, the personal representative shall, within such time as the Superior
11 Court shall allow, cause an inventory and appraisement of the decedent's
12 estate to be made and filed in the manner prescribed by law.”

13 **Section 8.** § 3119 of Article 2, Chapter 31, Title 15, Guam Code Annotated,
14 is *amended* to read:

15 “§ 3119. **Setting Aside Estates Under One Hundred Twelve**
16 **Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500): Decree Assigning Estate to**
17 **Surviving Spouse, Child or Children; Title to Property; Restriction on**
18 **Right.** If, upon the hearing of any petition provided for in this Article, the
19 Superior Court finds that the net value of the estate over and above all liens
20 and encumbrances at the death of the decedent and over and above the value
21 of any homestead interest set apart out of the decedent's estate under the
22 provisions of §§ 2401 or 2409 of this Title does not exceed the sum of One
23 Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500), as of the date
24 of such death, and that the expenses of the last illness, funeral charges and
25 expenses of administration have been paid, it shall, by decree for that purpose,
26 assign to the surviving spouse of the decedent, if there be a surviving spouse,
27 provided said surviving spouse shall not have theretofore remarried, or, if

1 there be no surviving spouse, then to such child or children of the decedent as
2 may then be minors, if any, the whole of the estate, subject to whatever
3 mortgages, liens or encumbrances there may be upon said estate at the time of
4 the death of the decedent. The title thereto shall vest absolutely in such
5 surviving spouse, or if there be no such surviving spouse, in the minor child
6 or children, subject to whatever mortgages, liens and encumbrances there may
7 be upon said estate at the time of the death of the decedent, and there must be
8 no further proceedings in the administration, unless further estate be
9 discovered.”

10 **Section 9.** § 3121 of Article 2, Chapter 31, Title 15, Guam Code Annotated,
11 is *amended* to read:

12 “§ 3121. **Setting Aside Estates Under One Hundred Twelve**
13 **Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500): Personal Liability for**
14 **Unsecured Debts of Decedent; Duration.** A surviving spouse or a minor
15 child or children in whom title has vested pursuant to the provisions of § 3119
16 of this Title shall be personally liable for the unsecured debts of the decedent.
17 The personal liability shall not exceed the value of the estate at the date of the
18 decedent's death, less the amount of any liens and encumbrances and any
19 homestead and other property set apart pursuant to the provisions of §§ 2401
20 or 2409 of this Title. Such personal liability shall cease one (1) year after title
21 to the estate vests, except with respect to any actions or proceedings then
22 pending in court. In any action based upon such an unsecured debt, the
23 surviving spouse, or the minor child or children, or the guardian of such minor
24 child or children, may assert any defenses, counterclaims, or set-offs which
25 would have been available to the decedent if the decedent had not died.”

26 **Section 10.** § 3123 of Article 2, Chapter 31, Title 15, Guam Code Annotated,
27 is *amended* to read:

1 **“§ 3123. Setting Aside Estates Under One Hundred Twelve**
2 **Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500): Denial of Assignment;**
3 **Grounds; Effect.** If the Superior Court finds that the net value of the estate
4 exceeds One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500), or
5 that there is neither a surviving spouse nor a minor child, it shall act upon the
6 petition for letters testamentary, letters of administration with the will annexed
7 or letters of administration in the same manner as though no petition to set
8 aside the estate had been included, and the estate shall then be administered
9 in the usual manner.”

10 **Section 11.** § 3125 of Article 2, Chapter 31, Title 15, Guam Code Annotated,
11 is *amended* to read:

12 **“§ 3125. Setting Aside Estates Under One Hundred Twelve**
13 **Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500): Exclusion of Joint Tenancy,**
14 **Life Estate, or Other Estate Terminable at Death.** For the purposes of this
15 Article, any property or interest therein or lien thereon which, at the time of
16 the decedent’s death, was held by the decedent as joint tenant, or in which the
17 decedent had a life estate or other estate terminable upon the decedent’s death,
18 shall be excluded in determining the property or estate of the decedent or its
19 value.”

20 **Section 12. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* be effective upon enactment.