

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
28-38 (COR) As substituted and amended on the Floor.	Sabina Flores Perez V. Anthony Ada Telo T. Taitague Chris Barnett Frank F. Blas, Jr. Vincent A.V. Borja Shelly V. Calvo Christopher M. Dueñas Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Jesse A. Lujan Tina Rose Muña Barnes William A. Parkinson Therese M. Terlaje	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 28112(c) OF CHAPTER 28, TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO INCREASING GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT CAPACITY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OUR ENVIRONMENT AND PEOPLE.	1/15/25 10:02 a.m.	1/24/25	Committee on Finance and Government Operations.	Request 1/24/25	4/17/25 9:00 a.m.	5/9/25	
				4/9/25	Re-Referred: Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks, and Infrastructure.	2/27/25			
	SESSION DATE	TITLE	DATE PASSED	TRANSMITTED	DUE DATE	NOTES			
	5/27/25	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 28112(c) OF CHAPTER 28, TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCREASING GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT CAPACITY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OUR ENVIRONMENT AND PEOPLE.	6/3/25	6/5/25	6/17/25				

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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
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)



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2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Substitute Bill No. 28-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 28112(c) OF CHAPTER 28, TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCREASING GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT CAPACITY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OUR ENVIRONMENT AND PEOPLE,"** was on the 3rd day of June 2025, duly and regularly passed.



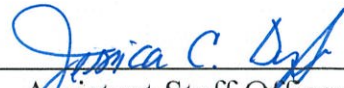
Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

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.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: _____

Public Law No. _____



I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 28-38 (COR)

As substituted and amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 28112(c) OF CHAPTER 28, TITLE
11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
INCREASING GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY'S COMPLIANCE AND
ENFORCEMENT CAPACITY TO PROTECT THE
HEALTH OF OUR ENVIRONMENT AND PEOPLE.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
the regulatory demands of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency to enforce
laws that ensure the protection of the health of our environment and people have
increased significantly due to expansion of environmental laws, increased permitting

1 applications for construction projects and increased incidences of violations, such as
2 illegal dumping.

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that GEPA is experiencing a critical
4 staffing shortage that will be exacerbated by the anticipated retirement of key
5 employees within the next three years. The lack of new workers combined with the
6 loss of institutional knowledge poses a serious threat to our environmental
7 protections.

8 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that increasing regulatory capacity is urgently
9 needed through recruitment and retention of qualified staff and evaluating pay scales
10 to determine equity within the agency and to match those in the private sector or
11 federal government.

12 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds greater funding for GEPA is needed to
13 match the increased regulatory demand. Additionally, greater funding can be
14 obtained through efficient collection of use taxes mandated by statute for GEPA.
15 According to 11 GCA Ch. 28 § 28112 “20% of use tax collected in the previous
16 fiscal year shall be appropriated to the Guam environmental Protection Agency,
17 Environmental Cleanup Fund to cover the costs associated with preserving Guam’s
18 natural resources.”

19 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* therefore intends to facilitate the transfer of use taxes
20 currently mandated to fund GEPA in order to protect our aquifer, ensure compliance
21 and bolster enforcement of our environmental laws that protects the health of our
22 people and environment for ours and future generations.

23 **Section 2.** § 28112(c) of Chapter 28, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, is
24 *amended* to read as follows:

25 “(c) Sums based on twenty percent (20%) of the total Use Tax
26 collected in the previous fiscal year shall be appropriated to the “Guam
27 Environmental Trust Fund” to cover costs associated with preserving Guam’s

1 natural resources. This appropriation is continuous, but is contingent on the
2 annual submission of a detailed budget to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* by the
3 Administrator of the GEPA.”

4 **Section 3. Enactment Date.** This act shall be effective upon enactment.

5 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
6 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity
7 shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given
8 effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the
9 provisions of this Act are severable.