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BILL STATUS

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Bill No. 245-38 (COR)

Introduced by:

Telo T. Taitague 

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings & intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that
3 Public Law 37-116, enacted on July 22, 2024, amended Chapter 8, Division 1, Title
4 11, Guam Code Annotated, to temporarily exempt cannabis businesses from certain
5 laboratory testing requirements under the Guam Cannabis Industry Act. This
6 exemption was intended to allow the cannabis industry to commence operations in
7 the absence of a licensed testing facility that meets the standards of ISO 17025
8 accreditation or certification by the Americans for Safe Access Patient Focused
9 Certification Program.

10 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that, despite the enactment of Public Law
11 37-116 and the passage of over one (1) year, no cannabis testing facility has been
12 licensed or opened on Guam that satisfies these requirements. While the temporary
13 exemption has facilitated initial steps toward establishing cultivation and sales, the

1 perceived lack of a compliant testing facility may be hindering full market
2 development and investor confidence.

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that Guam's only cannabis testing
4 laboratory applicant, cultivation facility applicants and retail applicants have faced
5 issues with obtaining clearances from stakeholder agencies needed for full licensure.
6 These hurdles, stem from misunderstandings in rules and hesitancy to commit to
7 binding contracts and expenses without certainty on facility qualifications. This
8 persistent clog hinders the progress in establishing the industry's needed
9 infrastructure.

10 It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to extend the sunset
11 provision in Section 3 of Public Law 37-116 from two (2) years to five (5) years
12 after the date of enactment to provide additional time for a licensed testing facility
13 to emerge. This extension balances the benefits of consumer safety through eventual
14 laboratory testing with the practical need to foster industry growth.

15 **Section 2.** Section 3 of Public Law 37-116 is hereby amended to read:
16 "Section 8108(a)(7) of Chapter 8, Division 1, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, shall
17 be effective ninety (90) days after enactment. Section 8108(a)(7) of Chapter 8,
18 Division 1, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, shall sunset ~~two (2)~~ five (5) years after
19 the date of enactment."

20 **Section 3. Effective Date.** The provisions of this Act shall become effective
21 immediately upon enactment.