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Bill No. 247-38 (COR)

Introduced by:

V. Anthony Ada 
Sabina Flores Perez 

**AN ACT TO *ADD* NEW § 63134 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE
5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO
BANNING OCTOPUS FARMING AND AQUACULTURE
ON GUAM.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that octopus farming should be banned due to animal welfare concerns for highly intelligent and sensitive creatures, significant environmental risks like pollution and overfishing for feed, and potential public health threats from disease. Critics argue that the complex needs of octopuses cannot be met in intensive farming, which would cause stress, aggression, and high mortality. Environmental damage could result from escaped octopuses disrupting ecosystems or from pollution and disease, while the large amount of wild-caught fish required for their feed would negatively impact wild fish populations.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that the coastal states of Washington and California have already banned octopus farming and the legislation is pending in the states of Hawaii and New Jersey as well as the in the US Congress.

It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, although octopus farming does not exist in the United States at this time, to prevent it from ever occurring anywhere on Guam or in the waters of Guam in the future.

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Section 2. A new § 63134 is *added* to Chapter 63 of Title 5 Guam Code Annotated to read as follows:

"§ 63134. Octopus Farming Prohibited.

(a) Octopus farming, aquaculture and cultivation is prohibited on Guam and in the waters of Guam by any private business, government agency or person. The Government of Guam shall not issue any permits or licenses for such purposes.

(b) The import of farmed and genetically modified octopus species into Guam is prohibited.

(c) Genetically modifying or altering of any species of octopus is prohibited on Guam or in the waters of Guam.

(d) This section does not apply to the taking of naturally occurring species of octopuses unless such species are protected under the Guam or United States Endangered Species Acts."