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Bill No. 271-38 (COR)

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9 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO
DETECTING THE TAMPERING OF GUAM CUSTOMS
AND QUARANTINE AGENCY SEALS.**

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

2 **Section 1. Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Guam
3 Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA) plays a critical role in protecting the
4 island's borders, preventing the introduction of contraband, illegal substances, and
5 ensuring the safety of Guam's community and environment. To safeguard the
6 integrity of its inspections and enforcement activities, CQA utilizes official Customs
7 and Quarantine seals to secure containers and cargo until they are formally released
8 from Customs' custody.

9 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that any tampering with such seals undermines
10 the customs enforcement process, enabling potential smuggling, and risks to public
11 safety. Tampering with a Customs and Quarantine seal is not only a violation of

1 agency procedure but also a breach of security that can facilitate criminal activity
2 and compromise Guam’s border integrity.

3 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to strengthen enforcement
4 and deterrence by criminalizing the act of tampering with a Customs and Quarantine
5 seal, establishing it as a felony of the third degree under Title 9 of the Guam Code
6 Annotated. This measure seeks to provide Customs officers and prosecutors with
7 clear statutory authority to pursue criminal penalties for tampering, thereby
8 protecting Guam’s ports of entry, ensuring compliance with Customs procedures.

9 **Section 2.** A new §55.75 is hereby added to Chapter 55, Title 9 Guam Code
10 Annotated to read

11 **“§ 55.75. Tampering with Customs and Quarantine Agency Seals.**

12 (a) A person is guilty of tampering with Customs and Quarantine Agency seals if he
13 or she intentionally breaks, removes, alters, or defaces any seal placed by the
14 Customs and Quarantine Agency upon any container or cargo prior to its official
15 release from Customs’ custody.

16 (b) Tampering with a Customs and Quarantine Agency seal is a felony of the third
17 degree.”

18 **Section 3.** Effective Date.

19 This Act shall be effective upon enactment.