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Bill No. 253-38 (COR)

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PROHIBITING AND DETERRING SEABED MINING IN
THE WATERS OF GUAM AND THE SURROUNDING
SEA.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. A new §47113 is hereby added to Chapter 47, Title 10 Guam Code
Annotated to read:

“§47113. Seabed Mining Prohibition.

**(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the mining, extraction, and removal
of minerals from the seabed shall be prohibited in territorial marine waters.**

**(b) No permit shall be issued for or in connection with the development or operation
of any facility or infrastructure associated with the mining, extraction, or removal of
minerals from the seabed within territorial marine waters.**

**(c) This section shall not be construed to prohibit bona fide scientific research or
collections conducted by or on behalf of an educational, scientific, or research
institution or a governmental agency.**

1 (d) Nothing contained in this section shall diminish, alter, or amend any existing
2 rights, privileges, or practices of the Native CHamoru people.

3 (e) As used in this section, “minerals” means natural deposits of valuable minerals,
4 including, but not limited to, metals and placer deposits of metals, nonmetallic
5 minerals, gemstones, ores, gold, silver, copper, lead, iron, manganese, silica,
6 chrome, platinum, tungsten, zirconium, titanium, garnet, phosphorous, polymetallic
7 nodules, and cobalt-rich ferromanganese crusts.”

8 (f) The Guam Port Authority may delay or deny approval for port entry or departure
9 for any vessel for which the agency has received notice from a federal agency or
10 other agency that the vessel or its crew has engaged in activity that has violated any
11 federal, state, or county law or rule pertaining to environmental protection, maritime
12 transportation, trafficking of illegal contraband, or the collection or extraction of
13 undersea minerals unlicensed or unpermitted by the State; provided that the agency
14 may grant approvals for use of any commercial harbor facility by that vessel in
15 coordination with the federal agency or other agency”

16 **Section 2. Severability.**

17 If any of the provisions of this Act or the application thereof to any person or
18 circumstance are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or
19 application of this Act, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or
20 application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.