

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
245-38 (COR)	Telo T. Taitague	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> SECTION 3 OF PUBLIC LAW 37-116, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE SUNSET PROVISION FOR THE TEMPORARY EXEMPTION OF CANNABIS LABORATORY TESTING REQUIREMENTS FROM TWO (2) YEARS TO FIVE (5) YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF ENACTMENT.	12/12/25 9:49 a.m.	12/22/25	Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement.	Request: 12/22/25 Waiver: 12/23/25	1/8/26 8:30 a.m.	1/23/26	
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	3/23/26	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> SECTION 3 OF PUBLIC LAW 37-116, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE SUNSET PROVISION FOR THE TEMPORARY EXEMPTION OF CANNABIS LABORATORY TESTING REQUIREMENTS FROM TWO (2) YEARS TO FIVE (5) YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF ENACTMENT.	3/27/26	3/27/26	4/8/26	38-117	4/8/26	Received: 4/8/26 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 38GL-26-2185	

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OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
FRANK F. BLAS JR.

Transmitted via Email to: speakerblas@guamlegislature.org

April 8, 2026

THE HON. FRANK BLAS, JR., *Speaker*
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Re: Bill No. 245-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 3 OF PUBLIC LAW 37-116, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE SUNSET PROVISION FOR THE TEMPORARY EXEMPTION OF CANNABIS LABORATORY TESTING REQUIREMENTS FROM TWO (2) YEARS TO FIVE (5) YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF ENACTMENT."

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

In July 2024, I signed Public Law 37-116 into law, which created a temporary exemption for cannabis businesses from laboratory testing requirements, as there were no certified testing laboratories on island, stymying the local cannabis industry since legalization. Today, there are still no licensed laboratories on island, and the temporary exemption mandated in 37-116 expires in July of this year. Therefore, it is imperative that Bill 245-38 be enacted, to provide additional time for a licensed facility to emerge.

For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 245-38 (COR) into law as **Public Law No. 38-117**.

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
I Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam



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Enclosure(s): Bill No. 245-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-117

cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Segundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam
Compiler of Laws

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2026 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 245-38 (COR)**, “AN ACT TO *AMEND* SECTION 3 OF PUBLIC LAW 37-116, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE SUNSET PROVISION FOR THE TEMPORARY EXEMPTION OF CANNABIS LABORATORY TESTING REQUIREMENTS FROM TWO (2) YEARS TO FIVE (5) YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF ENACTMENT,” was on the 27th day of March 2026, duly and regularly passed.



Frank F. Blas, Jr
Speaker

Attested:



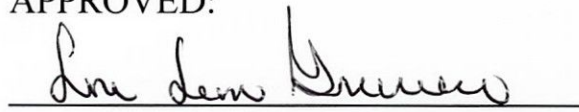
Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 27 day of March 2026, at 8:24 o'clock P.M.



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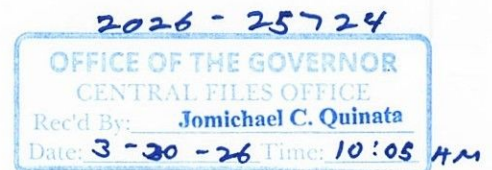


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Date: 4/8/2026

Public Law No. 38-117



I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 245-38 (COR)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO *AMEND* SECTION 3 OF PUBLIC LAW 37-116, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE SUNSET PROVISION FOR THE TEMPORARY EXEMPTION OF CANNABIS LABORATORY TESTING REQUIREMENTS FROM TWO (2) YEARS TO FIVE (5) YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF ENACTMENT.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that Public Law 37-116, enacted on July 22, 2024, amended Chapter 8, Division 1,
4 Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, to temporarily exempt cannabis businesses from
5 certain laboratory testing requirements under the Guam Cannabis Industry Act. This

1 exemption was intended to allow the cannabis industry to commence operations in
2 the absence of a licensed testing facility that meets the standards of ISO 17025
3 accreditation or certification by the Americans for Safe Access Patient Focused
4 Certification Program.

5 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that, despite the enactment of Public Law
6 37-116 and the passage of over one (1) year, no cannabis testing facility has been
7 licensed or opened on Guam that satisfies these requirements. While the temporary
8 exemption has facilitated initial steps toward establishing cultivation and sales, the
9 perceived lack of a compliant testing facility may be hindering full market
10 development and investor confidence.

11 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that Guam’s only cannabis testing
12 laboratory applicant, cultivation facility applicants and retail applicants have faced
13 issues with obtaining clearances from stakeholder agencies needed for full licensure.
14 These hurdles, stem from misunderstandings in rules and hesitancy to commit to
15 binding contracts and expenses without certainty on facility qualifications. This
16 persistent clog hinders the progress in establishing the industry’s needed
17 infrastructure.

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

23 **Section 2.** Section 3 of Public Law 37-116 is hereby *amended* to read:

24 “§ 8108(a)(7) of Chapter 8, Division 1, Title 11, Guam Code
25 Annotated, shall be effective ninety (90) days after enactment. § 8108(a)(7)
26 of Chapter 8, Division 1, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, shall sunset five
27 (5) years after the date of enactment.”

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