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2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. *PI-35 (COR)*

Introduced by:

James C. Moylan *[Signature]*

**AN ACT TO REPEAL ARTICLE 6 OF CHAPTER 1,
TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
ELIMINATING THE GUAM LIAISON OFFICES.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that in the efforts of identifying cost cutting measures, the Guam Liaison Offices, particularly the one located in Washington D.C., should be eliminated, as the duties established by statute replicate many of the responsibilities already entrusted to the Office of Guam's Delegate to the United States House of Representatives. The intent of the legislation does not prohibit the Executive Branch, mainly the offices of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, from utilizing the funds appropriated to their specific offices on funding such an office if they feel the position is vital towards accomplishing their objectives of governance.

Section 2. Article 6 of Chapter 1, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated is hereby *repealed* in its entirety:

ARTICLE 6

GUAM LIAISON OFFICES

~~§ 1601. Establishment.~~

~~§ 1602. Duties of Office.~~

~~§ 1603. Coordination with Washington Delegate.~~

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~~§ 1604. Certifying and Disbursing Officer.~~

~~§ 1601. Establishment.~~

~~There is established within the government of Guam, Guam Liaison Offices located in the mainland.~~

~~§ 1602. Duties of Office.~~

~~The offices shall:~~

~~(a) seek out and keep appropriate federal officials aware of Guam's federal territorial objectives;~~

~~(b) promote Guam's economic well being;~~

~~(c) promote government programs through appropriate contacts with federal, state and national association officials;~~

~~(d) seek out and keep abreast of all Federal fund programs for which Guam qualifies or may qualify and inform appropriate officials; and~~

~~(e) perform such other duties as assigned by the [Lieutenant] Governor which are necessary and proper to benefit the government of Guam.~~

~~§ 1603. Coordination with Washington Delegate.~~

~~The offices shall closely coordinate activities with the office of Guam's Delegate to the United States House of Representatives but shall be located and operated separate from such office.~~

~~§ 1604. Certifying and Disbursing Officer.~~

~~The Director of Administration shall be the Certifying Officer and the Disbursing Officer for expenditures by the Liaison Offices.~~

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be

given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

Section 4. Effective Date. The Act *shall* become effective on October 1, 2019.