



New Laws Establish Bed & Breakfast Industry, Increase Penalty for Home Invasions, Capture More Tax Revenue

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"These new laws will grow Guam's economy and protect her people. This administration is proud to support initiatives that create jobs and support the Department of Revenue and Taxation's mission to capture tax revenue. Recent events also underscore the need for tougher crime laws. I thank the Legislature for passing bills that provide stiffer penalties for dangerous, violent, and repeat criminals."

- Governor Eddie Baza Calvo

Governor Calvo signs 11 Bills into law

Governor Eddie Baza Calvo has signed 11 bills into law that pave the way for new economic initiatives, provide support to the Department of Revenue and Taxation, and create tougher penalties for criminals. Senators Tony Ada, Tina Muña Barnes, Mike Limtiaco, Brant McCreadie, Rory Respicio, and Aline Yamashita attended a signing ceremony in the Governor's Cabinet Conference Room for the measures.

Creating a Bed & Breakfast industry

The first Bill Governor Calvo signed was Bill No. 92-32, now Public Law 32-045. The measure would change zoning laws to allow for Bed & Breakfast establishments. It was authored by Sen. Mike Limtiaco.

"I'm excited for the start of this new industry. I encourage anyone interested in this potential business to contact my office for more information," Sen. Limtiaco said.

Increasing the penalty for home invasions

Governor Calvo also signed Bill No. 119-32 as Public Law No. 32-047. The measure, authored by Sen. Tony Ada, adds the crime of home invasion into law. The new law punishes those who commit this crime with a first-degree felony, and imposes a minimum of ten years of prison for those found guilty. According to the law, any sentence for home invasion may not be suspended, and shall run consecutively to any other sentence for other crimes committed in conjunction with the home invasion.

Helping DRT capture more tax revenue