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Transmitted via email to: speaker@guamlegislature.org

June 21, 2023

HONORABLE THERESE M. TERLAJE, *Speaker*
I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
37th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: Bill No. 135-37 (COR) - AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF THE GAS TAX RELIEF ACT FOR ANOTHER ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) CALENDAR DAYS

Håfa Adai Madame Speaker,

Bill No. 135-37 seeks to extend the Gas Tax Relief Act ("GTRA"), a measure first enacted in Public Law No. 36-105 and extended by Public Law No. 36-124. The purpose of the GTRA was to help stabilize the rising price of fuel gasoline on Guam by temporarily waiving the levy of excise taxes, automotive surcharges, and mass transit automotive surcharges on liquid fuel collected under Guam law. The extension provided in P.L. 36-124 expired on June 17, 2023.

The waiver on the liquid fuel tax is even more critical today than it was the day it was first implemented. In the aftermath of Typhoon Mawar, our community relies on fuel for relief, whether to power their generators while the hardworking men and women of the Guam Power Authority strive to restore power to our community, to power equipment necessary to clear green waste and debris the storm left behind, or to help our community restore normalcy in their own lives, whether that means getting to work or to school.

While the waiver passed in P.L. 36-105 was intended as a temporary measure, without question, it is necessary to extend it today for the welfare of our people during this challenging time in our island's history.

Accordingly, I hereby sign Bill No. 135-37 (COR) into law as *Public Law 37-18*.

Senseremente,

Handwritten signature of Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero.

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

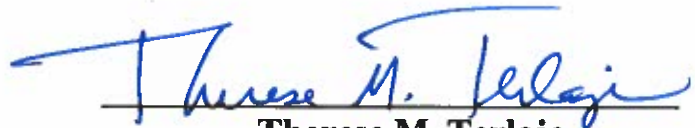
Enclosure: Bill No. 135-37 (COR) nka P.L. 37-18

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


I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN*

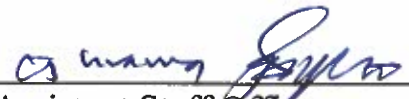
This is to certify that **Bill No. 135-37 (COR)**, “**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF THE GAS TAX RELIEF ACT FOR ANOTHER ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) CALENDAR DAYS,**” was on the 19th day of June 2023, duly and regularly passed.


Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker

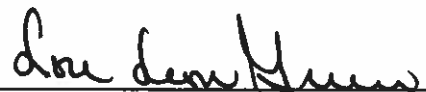
Attested:


Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guáhan* this 20 day of JUNE,
2023, at 6:30 o'clock P.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
***Maga'håga's* Office**

APPROVED:


Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guáhan

Date: 6/21/2023

Public Law No. 37-18

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Bill No. 135-37 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF THE
GAS TAX RELIEF ACT FOR ANOTHER ONE HUNDRED
EIGHTY (180) CALENDAR DAYS.**

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

2 **Section 1. Authorization to Extend the Gas Tax Relief Act.** All levy of
3 excise taxes, automotive surcharges, and mass transit automotive surcharges on liquid
4 fuel shall be temporarily waived for another one hundred eighty (180) calendar days.

5 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.

6 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
7 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not

- 1 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without the
- 2 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.