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A BILL

To establish the Commonwealth of Guam, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Guam Commonwealth
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PREAMBLE.**

2 (a) In recognition of the long-cherished aspiration of
3 the people of Guam to direct the course of their own des-
4 tiny, and with the belief that mutual respect, understand-
5 ing, and compromise among people form a more perfect
6 Union, the people of the United States of America, nur-
7 tured in the ideals of liberty and democracy, conscious of
8 their obligations under the Treaty of Paris of 1899 and
9 the Charter of the United Nations, do hereby embrace the
10 establishment of the Commonwealth of Guam, ever mind-
11 ful that the right of self-determination and the heritage
12 of the Chamorro people of Guam shall be protected.

13 (b) This Act reflects the will of the people of Guam
14 to attain a greater measure of self-government in concert
15 with the United States of America, and reaffirms the prin-
16 ciple that governments derive their just powers only from
17 the consent of the governed.

18 (c) To this end, the Senate and House of Representa-
19 tives of the United States of America in Congress assem-
20 bled, now adopt this Act.

21 **TITLE I—POLITICAL**
22 **RELATIONSHIP**

23 **SEC. 101. CREATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND FULL**
24 **SELF-GOVERNMENT.**

25 (a) The Island of Guam, and its adjacent islands and
26 waters shall upon the enactment of this Act become a self-

1 governing Commonwealth known as the “Commonwealth
2 of Guam”. This Act, the provisions of the United States
3 Constitution, treaties, and laws of the United States appli-
4 cable to Guam, and the Constitution of Guam shall be the
5 supreme law of the Commonwealth.

6 (b) The people of Guam shall have the right of full
7 self-government, which shall extend to all rightful subjects
8 of government not inconsistent with this Act and the laws
9 of the United States applicable to Guam, and shall govern
10 themselves in accordance with this Act through a Con-
11 stitution of their own adoption. Such Constitution shall—

12 (1) recognize, and be consistent with, the sov-
13 ereignty of the United States over Guam, and the
14 supremacy of the provisions of the Constitution,
15 treaties, and laws of the United States applicable to
16 Guam;

17 (2) provide for a republican form of govern-
18 ment;

19 (3) provide for three branches of government;
20 and

21 (4) contain a bill of rights.

22 (c) The Government of the Commonwealth shall have
23 the power to sue in its own name, and, with the consent
24 of the Legislature, may be sued upon any contract entered
25 into with respect to, or any tort committed incident to,

1 the exercise by the Government of the Commonwealth of
2 Guam or any of its lawful powers.

3 (d) The Government of the Commonwealth of Guam
4 shall have the power to establish, maintain, and operate
5 a public educational system to the same extent as the
6 several States.

7 **SEC. 102. SELF-DETERMINATION AND UNITED STATES CITI-**
8 **ZENSHIP RIGHTS.**

9 (a) The Congress recognizes the inalienable right of
10 self-determination of the indigenous Chamorro people of
11 Guam, defined as all those born on Guam before August
12 1, 1950, and their descendants. The exercise of such right
13 of self-determination shall be provided for in a Constitu-
14 tion of the Commonwealth of Guam.

15 (b) The Government of Guam shall ensure that, not-
16 withstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph,
17 nothing herein shall be interpreted as depriving any quali-
18 fied resident of Guam of the right to participate as a voter
19 in any referendum or plebiscite held under the ratification
20 procedure for this Act set forth in section 1204 hereof.

21 (c) The United States Government shall, by means
22 of additional federally funded programs, and the Common-
23 wealth of Guam may promote—

24 (1) the maintenance and preservation of the
25 Chamorro language, culture, and traditions;

1 (2) the enhancement of economic, social, and
2 educational opportunities for Chamorros; and

3 (3) training of Chamorros for employment as
4 professionals, skilled workers, and leaders in busi-
5 ness and industry.

6 (d) The establishment of such additional programs
7 shall not affect the continued eligibility for the benefits
8 of existing programs of members of all minority groups
9 presently qualifying for such programs under current law.

10 (e) Nothing in this Act or in the Constitution of the
11 Commonwealth of Guam shall impair the United States
12 citizenship of the residents of Guam or their descendants,
13 or the entitlement of legally admitted aliens permanently
14 residing in Guam, to the respective rights and privileges
15 accorded to each such class of persons under the first sen-
16 tence of the fourteenth amendment of the United States
17 Constitution.

18 (f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or
19 of this Act, the Commonwealth of Guam shall establish
20 a trust to be known as the “Chamorro Land Trust” for
21 the benefit of the indigenous Chamorro people of Guam
22 and composed of certain lands returned by the United
23 States before and after the effective date of this Act to
24 the Commonwealth of Guam. Nothing in this section shall
25 inhibit or prevent the direct return of lands to the original

1 owners, or the establishment of leasehold arrangements
2 with them, by the Government of the Commonwealth of
3 Guam.

4 (g) The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Guam
5 shall establish reasonable residency requirements for the
6 citizens of such Commonwealth for the purposes of the
7 right to vote in Commonwealth elections or to hold any
8 elective office established by the Constitution of Guam.

9 **SEC. 103. MUTUAL CONSENT.**

10 In order to respect the self-government granted to the
11 Commonwealth of Guam under this Act, the United States
12 agrees to limit the exercise of its authority so that the
13 provisions of this Act may be modified only with the mu-
14 tual consent of the Government of the United States and
15 the Government of the Commonwealth of Guam.

16 **TITLE II—APPLICABILITY OF**
17 **FEDERAL LAW**

18 **SEC. 201. APPLICABILITY OF UNITED STATES CONSTITU-**
19 **TION.**

20 Those portions of the United States Constitution
21 which apply to Guam on the effective date of this Act
22 shall, unless specifically modified by this Act, continue to
23 apply under this Act. In addition, the following provisions
24 of and amendments to the Constitution of the United
25 States shall apply to the Commonwealth of Guam and

1 shall have the same force and effect in Guam as in the
2 United States or in any State of the United States: Article
3 IV, section 2, clause 2 and section 4; the tenth amend-
4 ment, and the first sentence of the fourteenth amendment.

5 **SEC. 202. EFFECT OF FEDERAL LAW.**

6 Except as otherwise intended by this Act, no Federal
7 laws, rules or regulations passed after the date of this Act
8 shall apply to the Commonwealth of Guam unless mutu-
9 ally consented to by the United States and the Govern-
10 ment of the Commonwealth of Guam.

11 **SEC. 203. JOINT COMMISSION.**

12 (a)(1) There is hereby created a Joint Commission
13 on the Applicability of Federal Law (hereinafter referred
14 to as the "Commission") to be composed of 7 members:
15 3 members and their successors appointed by the Presi-
16 dent of the United States and 4 members and their succes-
17 sors appointed by the Governor with the advice and con-
18 sent of the legislature of the Commonwealth of Guam. The
19 appointees by the Government of Guam shall be citizens
20 of the Commonwealth of Guam who are or have been 10
21 years continuously resident on Guam at the time of their
22 appointment. Said appointees shall serve at the pleasure
23 of the President of the United States and the Governor
24 of the Commonwealth of Guam, respectively. Any vacancy
25 which may occur on the Commission shall not affect its

1 powers or functions but shall be filled in the same manner
2 in which the original appointment was made. Appoint-
3 ments shall be made within 60 days after the effective date
4 of this Act.

5 (2) The Commission shall adopt its own internal reg-
6 ulations to govern its procedures and may delegate author-
7 ity on particular issues to some of its members.

8 (3) A majority of the Commission shall constitute a
9 quorum for the transaction of its business. The Commis-
10 sion may provide for the taking of testimony, discussion
11 of issues with members of the Federal Government or
12 Government of Guam, and the reception of evidence at
13 meetings at which there are present not less than three
14 members of the Commission. The Chairman of the Com-
15 mission shall call a meeting to organize the Commission
16 within 30 days after he and a majority of the members
17 of the Commission have been appointed.

18 (b) The Commission shall—

19 (1) be used for regular consultations between
20 the Government of the United States and the Gov-
21 ernment of the Commonwealth of Guam on all mat-
22 ters affecting the relationship between them;

23 (2) study existing statutes and regulations af-
24 fecting the relationship between Guam and the Unit-
25 ed States;

1 (3) review the policies and procedures of the
2 Federal agencies as such policies and procedures re-
3 late to the relationship between Guam and the
4 United States;

5 (4) compile data as may be necessary for the
6 conduct of the Commission's work or for the imple-
7 mentation of this Act;

8 (5) draft such modifications in existing laws,
9 regulations, policies, and procedures as will, in the
10 judgment of the Commission, best serve to carry out
11 the purposes of the Commission or this Act;

12 (6) obtain, if possible, the modification of these
13 laws, regulations, and procedures by negotiation and
14 mediation, such as issues concerning land claims and
15 war claims by the people of Guam; and

16 (7) seek to obtain the maximum economic de-
17 velopment and political autonomy for the Common-
18 wealth of Guam without impairing United States
19 national security interests.

20 The heads of Federal departments and agencies are au-
21 thorized and directed to furnish whatever assistance is re-
22 quested by the Commission, without reimbursement, ex-
23 cept classified information directly related to national
24 security interests.

1 (c) The Commission is authorized to appoint and fix
2 the compensation of an Executive Secretary and such
3 other additional personnel as may be necessary to enable
4 the Commission to carry out its functions without regard
5 to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act
6 of 1949 and civil service laws, rules, and regulations, but
7 any Federal employee subject to those laws, rules, and reg-
8 ulations, who may be detailed to the Commission (which
9 detail is hereby authorized) shall retain his civil service
10 status without interruption or loss of status or privilege.
11 In addition, the Commission may enter into contracts in
12 order to carry out its mandate.

13 (d) The United States will bear the cost of the work
14 of the Commission.

15 **SEC. 204. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.**

16 The Congress hereby authorizes the President or his
17 designee to delegate to the Governor of Guam total or par-
18 tial performance of functions now vested in administrative
19 agencies in the Federal Government. The President or his
20 designee and the Governor of Guam shall consult from
21 time to time on the implementation of this provision.

1 **TITLE III—FOREIGN AFFAIRS**
2 **AND DEFENSE**

3 **SEC. 301. UNITED STATES AUTHORITY.**

4 The United States shall have responsibility for an au-
5 thority with respect to matters relating to foreign affairs
6 and defense that affect the Commonwealth of Guam.

7 **SEC. 302. CONSULTATION WITH GUAM.**

8 (a) The United States agrees to consult with the
9 Commonwealth of Guam in advance of negotiations to-
10 ward any treaties or international agreements, including
11 Executive Agreements, which affect the well-being of the
12 people of Guam.

13 (b) No military security zones shall be established
14 and no foreign military personnel shall be stationed on the
15 Island of Guam without approval of the Government of
16 the Commonwealth except in time of declared war, and
17 no military bases will be established without consultation
18 with the Governor of the Commonwealth of Guam.

19 (c) The United States shall consult with the Govern-
20 ment of the Commonwealth of Guam with respect to any
21 proposed plan to increase or decrease Department of
22 Defense activities within the Commonwealth.

1 **SEC. 303. UNITED STATES CONSULAR AND TRADE**
2 **ASSISTANCE.**

3 (a)(1) The United States shall assist and facilitate
4 the establishment by Guam of offices in the United States
5 and abroad.

6 (2) The United States shall assist the Commonwealth
7 of Guam to become a member or participate in appro-
8 priate regional and other international organizations to in-
9 clude, but not be limited to, the South Pacific Forum, the
10 regional organizations of the United Nations Specialized
11 agencies, and the Asian Development Bank. Under such
12 authority Guam shall be free to accept and grant financial
13 and technical assistance, to enter into bilateral and multi-
14 lateral agreements to promote joint ventures private and
15 public, exchange programs, and to become a party to all
16 agreements between and among foreign entities involving
17 regional and subregional affairs. The Commonwealth may
18 enter into agreements with sovereign states, and the politi-
19 cal entities resulting from the Trust Territory of the Pa-
20 cific Islands, relative to reciprocal trade and tax questions
21 and their application to the respective jurisdictions.

22 (b) The Government of the United States shall seek
23 to obtain from foreign countries favorable treatment for
24 exports from the Commonwealth of Guam and will encour-
25 age other countries to consider the Commonwealth of
26 Guam a developing territory.

1 **SEC. 304. NUCLEAR WASTE.**

2 (a) The United States shall not utilize the water sur-
3 rounding the Commonwealth of Guam or the island for
4 dumping or storage of nuclear waste.

5 (b) The United States shall clean up and make safe
6 for human habitation all chemical waste dump sites used
7 by the military in the past and at present, and shall not,
8 at any time, use the island and the surrounding waters
9 of Guam as a depository for hazardous chemicals in the
10 future.

11 (c) The United States shall compensate, in a manner
12 to be decided by the District Court of Guam, any person
13 injured as a result of chemical, nuclear, or other hazard-
14 ous materials stored, used, or disposed of by agencies of
15 the United States Government in the Commonwealth of
16 Guam or its surrounding waters.

17 **TITLE IV—COURTS**

18 **SEC. 401. JUDICIAL RELATIONSHIP OF GUAM TO THE UNIT-**
19 **ED STATES.**

20 The relations between the courts established by the
21 Constitution or laws of the United States and the local
22 courts of Guam with respect to appeals, certiorari, removal
23 of causes, the issuance of writs of habeas corpus, and
24 other matters or proceedings shall be governed by the laws
25 of the United States pertaining to the relations between
26 the courts of the United States, including the Supreme

1 Court of the United States, and the courts of the several
2 States in such matters and proceedings.

3 **SEC. 402. JURISDICTION OF DISTRICT COURT.**

4 (a) The District Court of Guam established by sec-
5 tion 22 of the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, is con-
6 tinued by this Act as the “District Court of Guam”.

7 (b) The District Court of Guam shall have the juris-
8 diction of a district court of the United States, including,
9 but not limited to, the diversity jurisdiction provided for
10 in section 1332 of title 28, United States Code, and that
11 of a bankruptcy court of the United States.

12 **SEC. 403. APPLICABLE DISTRICT COURT RULES.**

13 Where appropriate, the provisions of part II of title
14 18 and of title 28, United States Code, and notwithstand-
15 ing the provision in rule 54(a), Federal Rules of Criminal
16 Procedure, relating to the prosecution of criminal offenses
17 on Guam by information, the rules of practice and proce-
18 dure heretofore or hereafter promulgated and made effec-
19 tive by the Congress or the Supreme Court of the United
20 States pursuant to titles 11, 18, and 28, United States
21 Code, shall apply to the District Court of Guam and ap-
22 peals therefrom; except that the terms, “Attorney for the
23 government” and “United States Attorney”, as used in
24 the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, Federal Rules
25 of Civil Procedure and Federal Rules of Appellate Proce-

1 dure shall, when applicable to cases arising under the laws
2 of Guam, including the Guam Commonwealth income tax,
3 mean the Attorney General of Guam or such other person
4 or persons as may be authorized by the laws of Guam to
5 act therein.

6 **SEC. 404. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, UNITED STATES ATTOR-**
7 **NEY, MARSHAL.**

8 (a) The President shall appoint, by and with the ad-
9 vice and consent of the Senate, a judge for the District
10 Court of Guam who shall hold office for the term of 10
11 years and until his successor is chosen and qualified unless
12 sooner removed by the President for cause. The judge
13 shall receive a salary payable by the United States which
14 shall be at the rate prescribed for judges of the United
15 States district courts. The chief judge of the Ninth Judi-
16 cial Circuit of the United States may assign a judge of
17 a local court of record, a judge of the High Court of the
18 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, a circuit or district
19 judge of the Ninth Circuit, or a recalled senior judge of
20 the District Court of Guam or of the District Court for
21 the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Chief Justice of
22 the United States may assign any other United States cir-
23 cuit or district judge with the consent of the judge so as-
24 signed and of the chief judge of his circuit, to serve tempo-
25 rarily as a judge in the District Court of Guam whenever

1 it is made to appear that such an assignment is necessary
2 for the proper dispatch of the business of the court.

3 (b) The President shall appoint, by and with the ad-
4 vice and consent of the Senate, a United States attorney
5 and United States marshal for Guam to whose offices the
6 provisions of chapters 31 and 33 of title 28, United States
7 Code, respectively, shall apply.

8 (c) The judge of the District Court of Guam and the
9 United States attorney and marshal serving on the effec-
10 tive date of this section shall continue to hold their posi-
11 tions under this Act until the expiration of their current
12 terms of office.

13 **TITLE V—TRADE**

14 **SEC. 501. GUAM-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AREA.**

15 (a) The Commonwealth of Guam will remain outside
16 the customs territory of the United States, and no duty,
17 tariff, or quota restrictions shall be imposed or collected
18 by the United States. Economic, trade, and commercial
19 relationships between the United States and the Common-
20 wealth of Guam shall be conducted within the framework
21 of the free trade area between the United States and the
22 Commonwealth of Guam as established by subsection (b).

23 (b) The Commonwealth of Guam shall not impose du-
24 ties, quotas, or other restrictions on products of the Unit-
25 ed States imported into Guam, nor shall the United States

1 impose duties, quotas, or other restrictions on “products
2 of Guam” imported into the United States, nor shall the
3 United States treat products of Guam as having origi-
4 nated in any other country.

5 (c) The term “products of Guam” shall mean articles
6 that contain at least 30 percent value added in Guam.
7 Value added includes—

8 (1) all actual labor costs involved in the growth,
9 production, manufacture, or assembly of the specific
10 merchandise, including fringe benefits, on-the-job
11 training, and the cost of engineering supervisory,
12 quality control, and similar personnel;

13 (2) dies, molds, tooling, and depreciation on
14 machinery and equipment which are allocable to the
15 specific merchandise; and

16 (3) research, development, design, engineering,
17 and blueprint costs insofar as they are allocable to
18 the specific merchandise; and costs of inspecting and
19 testing the specific merchandise.

20 (d) The Commonwealth of Guam may impose, in-
21 crease, reduce, or eliminate duties and other restrictions—

22 (1) on products that originate in any area out-
23 side the customs territory of the United States and
24 that are imported into Guam; and

1 (2) on exports from Guam, whether or not
2 products of Guam.

3 (e) The Governor of Guam shall make a certificate
4 that the origin of the products as defined in subsection
5 (c) above is the Commonwealth of Guam pursuant to the
6 provisions of this Act. An agent of the United States Cus-
7 toms Service stationed on Guam shall then perform such
8 customs inspections as are necessary for compliance with
9 this Act and the appropriate laws of the United States.
10 Upon completion of such inspections such products shall
11 enter the United States without further inspection by the
12 United States Customs Service.

13 (f) Nothing herein contained shall be construed to
14 have any effect on any obligations or benefits accruing to
15 the Commonwealth of Guam or the United States under
16 the Generalized System of Preferences.

17 (g) Except as provided for in subsection (b) above
18 the Trade and Development Act of 1974 shall continue
19 to apply to the Commonwealth of Guam.

20 **TITLE VI—TAXATION**

21 **SEC. 601. MIRROR IMAGE TAX.**

22 (a) The income tax laws in force in the United States
23 of America and those which may hereafter be enacted shall
24 be held to be likewise in force in Guam.

1 (b) The income tax laws in force in Guam pursuant
2 to subsection (a) of this section shall be deemed to impose
3 a separate Commonwealth income tax, payable to the Gov-
4 ernment of Guam, which tax is designated the “Guam
5 Commonwealth Income Tax”.

6 (c) The administration and enforcement of the Guam
7 Commonwealth Income Tax shall be performed pursuant
8 to the laws of Guam. Any function needful to the adminis-
9 tration and enforcement of the income tax laws in force
10 in Guam pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall
11 be performed by any duly authorized officer or employee
12 of the Government of Guam.

13 (d)(1) The income tax laws in force in Guam pursu-
14 ant to subsection (a) of this section include, but are not
15 limited to, the following provisions of the Internal Revenue
16 Code of 1954, where not manifestly inapplicable or incom-
17 patible with the intent of this section: Subtitle A (not in-
18 cluding chapter 2 and section 931); chapters 24 and 25
19 of subtitle C, with reference to the collection of income
20 tax at source on wages; and all provisions of subtitle F
21 which apply to the income tax, including provisions as to
22 crimes, other offenses and forfeitures contained in chapter
23 75. For the period after 1950 and prior to the effective
24 date of the repeal of any provision of the Internal Revenue
25 Code of 1939 which corresponds to one or more of those

1 provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 which
2 are included in the income tax laws in force in Guam pur-
3 suant to subsection (a) of this section, such income tax
4 laws include, but are not limited to, such provisions of the
5 Internal Revenue Code of 1939.

6 (2) The Governor or his delegate or other official duly
7 authorized to act under the laws of Guam shall have the
8 same administrative and enforcement powers and rem-
9 edies with regard to the Commonwealth of Guam Income
10 Tax as the Secretary of the Treasury and other United
11 States officials of the executive branch have with respect
12 to the United States income tax. Rules and regulations
13 required for enforcement of the Commonwealth of Guam
14 income tax shall be prescribed pursuant to the laws of
15 Guam. The Governor or his delegate or other official duly
16 authorized to act under the laws of Guam shall have au-
17 thority to issue, from time to time, in whole or in part,
18 the text of the income tax laws in force in Guam pursuant
19 to subsection (a) of this section.

20 (e) In applying as the Commonwealth of Guam In-
21 come Tax the income tax laws in force in Guam pursuant
22 to subsection (a) of this section, except where it is mani-
23 festly otherwise required, the applicable provisions of the
24 Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and 1939 shall be read
25 so as to substitute “Guam” for “United States,” “Gov-

1 ernor or his delegate or other official duly authorized to
2 act under the laws of Guam” for “Secretary or his dele-
3 gate,” “Governor or his delegate or other official duly au-
4 thorized to act under the laws of Guam” for “Commis-
5 sioner of Internal Revenue” and “Collector of Internal
6 Revenue” for “Collector of Internal Revenue,” “District
7 Court of Guam” for “District Court” and with other
8 changes in nomenclature and other language, including
9 the omission of inapplicable language, where necessary to
10 effect the intent of this section.

11 **SEC. 602. ENFORCEMENT INSTITUTIONS.**

12 (a) Any act or failure to act with respect to the Guam
13 Commonwealth Income Tax which constitutes a criminal
14 offense under Chapter 75 of Subtitle F of the Internal
15 Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provisions of
16 the Internal Revenue Code of 1939, as included in the in-
17 come tax laws in force in Guam pursuant to this section,
18 shall be an offense against the Government of Guam and
19 may be prosecuted in the name of the Government of
20 Guam by the appropriate officers thereof.

21 (b) The Government of Guam shall have a lien with
22 respect to the Guam Commonwealth Income Tax in the
23 same manner and with the same effect and subject to the
24 same conditions, as the United States has a lien with re-
25 spect to the United States income tax. Such lien in respect

1 of the Guam Commonwealth Income Tax shall be enforce-
2 able in the name of and by the Government of Guam.
3 Where filing of a notice of lien is prescribed by the income
4 tax laws in force in Guam pursuant to subsection (a) of
5 this section, such notice shall be filed in the Office of the
6 Clerk of the District Court of Guam or such other court
7 as the Guam Legislature may provide.

8 (c)(1) The District Court of Guam shall have exclu-
9 sive original jurisdiction over all judicial proceedings in
10 Guam, both criminal and civil, regardless of the degree
11 of the offense or of the amount involved, with respect to
12 the Guam Commonwealth Income Tax.

13 (2) Suits for the recovery of any Guam Common-
14 wealth Income Tax alleged to have been erroneously or
15 illegally assessed or collected, or of any penalty claimed
16 to have been collected without authority, or of any sum
17 alleged to have been excessive or in any manner wrongfully
18 collected, under the income tax laws in force in Guam,
19 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, may, regardless
20 of the amount of claim, be maintained against the Govern-
21 ment of Guam subject to the same statutory requirements
22 as are applicable to suits for the recovery of such amounts
23 maintained against the United States in the United States
24 District Court of Guam with respect to the United States
25 income tax. When any judgment against the Government

1 of Guam under this paragraph has become final, the Gov-
2 ernor shall order the payment of such judgments out of
3 any unencumbered funds in the Treasury of Guam.

4 (3) Execution shall not issue against the Governor
5 or any officer or employee of the Government of Guam
6 on a final judgment in any proceeding against him for any
7 acts or for the recovery of money exacted by or paid to
8 him and subsequently paid into the Treasury of Guam,
9 in performing his official duties under the income tax laws
10 in force in Guam pursuant to subsection (a) of this sec-
11 tion, if the court certifies that probable cause existed, or
12 such officer or employee acted under the direction of the
13 Governor or his delegate or other official duly authorized
14 to act under the laws of Guam. When such certificate has
15 been issued, the Governor shall order the payment of such
16 judgment out of any unencumbered funds in the Treasury
17 of Guam.

18 (4) A civil action for the collection of the Guam Com-
19 monwealth Income Tax, together with fines, penalties, and
20 forfeitures, or for the recovery of any erroneous refund
21 of such tax, may be brought in the name of and by the
22 Government of Guam in the District Court of Guam or
23 in any district court of the United States or in any court
24 having the jurisdiction of a district court of the United
25 States.

1 (5) The jurisdiction conferred upon the District
2 Court of Guam by this subsection may be subject to trans-
3 fer to any local court by the Legislature of Guam.

4 **SEC. 603. REBATE OF TAXES.**

5 The Government of the Commonwealth of Guam may
6 by local law provide for the rebate or reduction of any
7 taxes received by it in order to assist new industries com-
8 ing to Guam or to assist Guam's economic development.

9 **SEC. 604. GUAM INCOME TAX AUTHORITY.**

10 (a) The Commonwealth of Guam shall have the power
11 to determine under the laws of Guam the nature and
12 amount of taxes imposed upon the income and property
13 of persons within its jurisdiction, from whatever source
14 derived.

15 (b) The income tax established in section 601 of this
16 Act shall be repealed one year following certification by
17 the Chief Executive of Guam that Guam has enacted into
18 law a comprehensive local income tax to replace that set
19 forth in section 601. Upon this repeal the income tax laws
20 of the United States, except for chapters 2 and 21 of the
21 Internal Revenue Code of 1954, shall not be applicable
22 to Guam or to the persons within the jurisdiction of Guam
23 who have met their tax obligations imposed by the laws
24 of Guam.

1 **SEC. 605. BONDS TAX EXEMPTION.**

2 All bonds or other obligations issued by the Common-
3 wealth of Guam or by its authority shall be exempt, as
4 to principal and interest, from taxation by the Government
5 of the United States, or by any State or Territory or any
6 political subdivision thereof, or by the District of
7 Columbia.

8 **TITLE VII—IMMIGRATION**

9 **SEC. 701. GUAM IMMIGRATION AUTHORITY.**

10 (a) The Congress recognizes that Guam is a small
11 and densely populated insular commonwealth with limited
12 infrastructure and resources, that it is that portion of the
13 United States which is in closest proximity to nations of
14 Asia and the Pacific which supply a large proportion of
15 the immigrants coming to the United States, that signifi-
16 cant numbers of such immigrants have in recent years
17 chosen to make Guam their home, and that the admission
18 of substantial additional numbers of immigrants to Guam
19 threatens to produce a severe impact on the limited infra-
20 structure, health, education, housing, and other services
21 available in Guam. Congress therefore further recognizes
22 that there is a necessary and compelling need henceforth
23 to limit the number of persons permitted to immigrate to
24 Guam, and therefore the Commonwealth of Guam shall
25 have the authority to control entry of all aliens into the

1 Commonwealth of Guam to include the admission, exclu-
2 sion, and expulsion of such aliens.

3 (b) The Immigration and Nationality Act, and Fed-
4 eral regulations applicable thereto, shall remain applicable
5 to Guam for 2 years from enactment of this Act. The
6 Commonwealth of Guam shall, within the 2-year period
7 of this subsection, enact a comprehensive law on immigra-
8 tion for Guam, such law to become effective at the end
9 of the said 2-year period. Enactment of local law by the
10 Legislature of Guam under this authority, and the actions
11 of the Commonwealth of Guam pursuant to such authority
12 shall be duly coordinated with the Immigration and Na-
13 tionality Service, the Department of Labor, and the
14 Department of State.

15 (c)(1) Such actions by the Commonwealth of Guam
16 shall not impair the free movement of United States citi-
17 zens to and from Guam.

18 (2) Such authority shall not include naturalization of
19 aliens for United States citizenship.

20 (3) The Governor of Guam shall continue to have the
21 authority to issue United States passports within existing
22 regulations.

23 (4) Entry of aliens into Guam under the authority
24 of subsection (a) above, shall not affect, either favorably
25 or unfavorably, an alien's entry to any other part of the

1 United States. This title shall not preclude a person who
2 previously has been lawfully admitted for permanent resi-
3 dence in the United States and who is otherwise admissi-
4 ble from being readmitted in Guam upon return to the
5 United States.

6 (d) Guam shall not be considered as a port of entry
7 for the entrance into the United States of aliens lawfully
8 admitted for permanent residence into the United States
9 except as provided for in subsection (b) or in those cases
10 where the Governor of Guam has made labor determina-
11 tions.

12 **SEC. 702. GUAM-ONLY VISA.**

13 United States consular officials, and other officials
14 authorized to issue visas for entry into the United States,
15 are authorized to issue visas for travel only to the Com-
16 monwealth of Guam for any alien seeking to enter Guam
17 as a nonimmigrant in order to encourage investors and
18 tourists to come to Guam. Regulations governing the issu-
19 ance of such visas shall be coordinated with the Governor
20 of Guam. Such regulations shall consider the points of ori-
21 gin, duration of permitted stay, the means by which the
22 aliens could alter visas to permit entry into the United
23 States, and other appropriate conditions to assure the reg-
24 ulation serves the best interests of the Commonwealth of
25 Guam. The United States and the Commonwealth of

1 Guam shall adopt appropriate measures for the implemen-
2 tation and the enforcement of this section upon or after
3 entry of the aliens into Guam.

4 **TITLE VIII—LABOR**

5 **SEC. 801. FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT.**

6 In all vacancies in the Federal Civil Service occurring
7 in Guam, residents of Guam possessing the requisite
8 standards of age, health, character, education, knowledge,
9 and experience shall be given preference over transfers of
10 persons from off Guam or the recruiting of persons from
11 outside Guam.

12 **SEC. 802. GUAM LABOR LAWS.**

13 Except and to the extent prohibited by Congress, the
14 Commonwealth of Guam shall have authority to enact and
15 enforce all laws regulating or affecting employment in the
16 Commonwealth. All applicable laws of the United States
17 which regulate employment on Guam on the effective date
18 of this Act shall remain applicable to Guam until replaced
19 as to their applicability to Guam by duly enacted law of
20 the Guam Legislature.

21 **TITLE IX—TRANSPORTATION** 22 **AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

23 **SEC. 901. MARITIME SHIPPING.**

24 (a) No provision of the laws of the United States,
25 including, without limitation, the vessel documentation

1 laws of the United States, shall apply to prevent the Unit-
2 ed States registration of, and use of, any foreign-built ves-
3 sel (including vessels engaged in towing, barges, dredges,
4 vessels or boats leased, rented, or chartered to another for
5 any use, including, without limitation, vessels used to take
6 out chartered fishing and diving parties or sightseeing
7 tours) for any purpose whatsoever within the internal wa-
8 ters, harbors, territorial sea and adjacent Exclusive
9 Economic Zone around Guam.

10 (b) The shipment of fish or fish products from Guam
11 to any coastwise point of the United States shall not be
12 subject to the coastwise laws of the United States.

13 (c) The application of the coastwise laws of the Unit-
14 ed States to Guam pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 883 shall be
15 periodically examined by the Commission to determine,
16 mutually, the desirability of the continued applicability of
17 such laws to Guam. Such determination by the Commis-
18 sion shall be based solely on the criteria of whether such
19 laws or any or a part thereof as applied to Guam constrain
20 Guam's economic development and, if such a determina-
21 tion is made, the Commission shall recommend such laws
22 should not continue to apply to Guam: *Provided*, That so
23 long as the coastwise laws are applicable to Guam the
24 United States Government shall be responsible for ensur-
25 ing adequate and reliable cargo service between Guam and

1 the United States as determined mutually in the Commis-
2 sion.

3 **SEC. 902. AIRLINES.**

4 (a) The Governor of Guam shall have the authority
5 to sponsor any qualified air service carrier to come to
6 Guam subject only to presidential consultation concerning
7 articulated foreign policy and national defense interests of
8 the United States. The Commonwealth of Guam shall be
9 exempt from all bilateral treaties between the United
10 States and foreign states with respect to scheduling and
11 to technical specifications of aircraft, other than safety re-
12 quirements, for foreign or United States charter passenger
13 flights to and from Guam where such flights originate
14 from foreign jurisdictions. This provision shall not be ap-
15 plied in such a manner as to impair regularly scheduled
16 passenger and cargo flights from any of the several United
17 States States and Territories to and from Guam.

18 (b) The Commonwealth of Guam shall remain an “el-
19 igible point” for purposes of being ensured essential air
20 transportation under applicable provisions of the Federal
21 Aviation Act of 1958, as amended by Public Law 98–213,
22 section 10, with passenger and other service to be sched-
23 uled to provide regular and satisfactory delivery of postal
24 mail and cargo to and from the United States.

1 (c) In addition to any other requirement in compli-
2 ance with Federal law for new, additional, or changed
3 routes, United States domestic air carriers shall obtain the
4 concurrence of the Governor of Guam on any application
5 filed for such service to Guam.

6 **SEC. 903. TELECOMMUNICATIONS.**

7 The Commonwealth of Guam shall be defined as do-
8 mestic for the purposes of setting rates in telecommuni-
9 cations by the Federal Communications Commission.

10 **TITLE X—LAND, NATURAL**
11 **RESOURCES AND UTILITIES**

12 **SEC. 1001. AUTHORITY OVER LAND AND RESOURCES.**

13 (a) The Government of the Commonwealth of Guam
14 shall have power of eminent domain over property within
15 the Commonwealth in accord with the Constitution of
16 Guam.

17 (b) The Commonwealth of Guam shall have jurisdic-
18 tion over all living and nonliving natural resources of the
19 seabed, subsoil, tidelands, and adjacent territorial waters,
20 as defined by the United States law, of the Island of
21 Guam. The Commonwealth shall exercise rights to deter-
22 mine the conditions, including pollution control, and terms
23 of all scientific research, management, exploration, and ex-
24 ploitation of all ocean resources and all sources of energy
25 and prevention of pollution within the 200-mile Exclusive

1 Economic Zone, including pollution originating outside the
2 zone that poses a threat within the zone.

3 (c) The United States may, upon written notice to
4 the Government of the Commonwealth of Guam, acquire
5 for public purposes in accordance with Federal laws and
6 procedures, any interest in real property in the Common-
7 wealth only by voluntary means, under such terms and
8 conditions as may be negotiated by the parties. The Unit-
9 ed States will continue to recognize and respect the scar-
10 city and special importance of land in the Commonwealth
11 of Guam. If the United States must acquire any interest
12 in real property, it will follow the policy of seeking to ac-
13 quire only the minimum area necessary to accomplish the
14 public purpose for which the real property is required, of
15 seeking only the minimum interest in real property nec-
16 essary to support such public purpose, and of seeking first
17 to satisfy its requirement by acquiring an interest in pub-
18 lic rather than private real property. No interest in real
19 property on Guam will be acquired by the United States
20 unless duly authorized by the Congress of the United
21 States and for which appropriations are available.

22 (d) The United States agrees not to exercise within
23 the Commonwealth the power of eminent domain except
24 in time of war and then only to the extent necessary and
25 in compliance with applicable United States and Common-

1 wealth of Guam laws, and with full recognition of due
2 process required by the Constitutions of Guam and the
3 United States.

4 (e) The Commonwealth of Guam is exempt from the
5 Federal regulations governing the transfer or sale of ex-
6 cess Federal real property. All excess real properties of
7 the United States on the Island of Guam released after
8 establishment of the Commonwealth will be conveyed in
9 fee simple to the Government of the Commonwealth of
10 Guam without any condition, limitation or reversion clause
11 in said conveyance.

12 (f) All land heretofore transferred to the Government
13 of Guam by the United States are released from any and
14 all provisions limiting the use of such land, and are
15 conveyed in fee simple.

16 **SEC. 1002. TRANSFER OF EXCESS FEDERAL REAL PROP-**
17 **ERTY.**

18 All real property, including undeveloped land and de-
19 veloped recreational facilities, controlled or owned by any
20 United States military service or Federal agency on Guam
21 and not necessary for direct and continuous operational,
22 logistical, or security use as a military facility or other
23 Federal function shall be transferred as excess Federal
24 real property to the Government of Guam: *Provided*, That
25 all national parks, historical sites, monuments, and ceme-

1 teries shall be exempt from this provision. Such transfers
2 will be, whenever possible, at no cost to the people of
3 Guam, or, when appropriate, at cost no higher than the
4 valuation of the property at the time of original acquisition
5 by the Federal authority, regardless of any subsequent al-
6 terations or additions to the property. Final determination
7 of which Federal real property is excess to Federal needs,
8 and the authority to mandate prompt and fair transfer
9 to the Government of Guam by the Federal proprietor,
10 shall be with the Joint Commission after consultations
11 with the proprietor.

12 **SEC. 1003. ACCESS TO FEDERAL PROPERTY.**

13 (a) All recreational facilities, and all historical and
14 archaeological sites on real property retained under Fed-
15 eral, civil, or military authority shall be open to access and
16 use by the residents of Guam so long as military security
17 requirements are not compromised.

18 (b) Except where prevented by military security re-
19 quirements, easements for roadways or other means of
20 public access through property retained under Federal,
21 civil, or military authority shall be granted the Govern-
22 ment of Guam when such easements constitute the only
23 practicable means of land access by the Government of
24 Guam or the public to localities within the jurisdiction of
25 the Government of Guam.

1 (c) The Joint Commission shall determine, after con-
2 sultation with the general proprietor, which Federal rec-
3 reational facilities and which easements over Federal prop-
4 erty shall be open to the Government of Guam and to the
5 general public on Guam and the manner of access.

6 **SEC. 1004. AUTHORITY OVER UTILITIES.**

7 Within 90 days after the enactment of this Act, the
8 United States shall transfer to the Commonwealth of
9 Guam all rights, title, and interest possessed by the Unit-
10 ed States in the island's power, water, sewer, and other
11 utility systems, except for those portions of the systems
12 which are located within the confines of property owned
13 by the United States and which are used solely for the
14 purposes of the United States, and which do not serve or
15 impact upon the normal operations of the island's utility
16 system. The Government of the Commonwealth of Guam
17 may decline to accept any portion of such utilities which
18 it believes would act as a detriment to effective use of the
19 utilities it owns. The United States shall provide access
20 for the Commonwealth of Guam, or its agents, to all utili-
21 ties and transmission lines which the Commonwealth owns
22 on Federal property on Guam.

**TITLE XI—UNITED STATES
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

SEC. 1101. RETURN OF TAXES AND FEES.

All customs duties and Federal income taxes derived from Guam, the proceeds of all taxes collected under the internal revenue laws of the United States on articles produced in Guam and transported to the United States, its Territories, or possessions, or consumed in Guam, and the proceeds of any other taxes which may be levied by the Congress on the inhabitants of Guam (including, but not limited to, compensation paid to members of the Armed Forces and pensions paid to retired civilian and military employees of the United States, or their survivors, who are residents of, or who are domiciled in, Guam), and all quarantine, passport, immigration, and naturalization fees collected in Guam shall be covered into the Treasury of Guam and held in account for the Government of Guam in accordance with the annual budgets except that nothing in this Act shall be construed to apply to any tax imposed by Chapter 2 or 21 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

**SEC. 1102. EQUAL FINANCE FOR GUAM CITIZENS WITH
STATES.**

The laws of the United States providing Federal benefits and financial assistance and which have a general application to the several States shall be applicable to

1 Guam, including section 228 or title II and title XVI of
2 the Social Security Act (Supplemental Security Income).
3 The formula for granting such financial assistance to
4 Guam and its residents shall be the same as the formula
5 applied to the several states and their residents unless
6 such formula cannot, on its face, be applied to Guam or
7 it is specifically stated to the contrary in this Act.

8 **SEC. 1103. RETURN OF ECONOMIC ZONE FEES.**

9 The Commonwealth shall have paid to the Treasury
10 of Guam all licensing and other fees obtained by permit-
11 ting foreign vessels to fish or other exploitation of the 200-
12 mile Exclusive Economic Zone of Guam.

13 **SEC. 1104. FEDERAL PAYMENT.**

14 (a) The Governor of Guam, in preparing an annual
15 budget for the Government of the Commonwealth of
16 Guam, shall develop meaningful expenditure and revenue
17 comparisons based on data supplied by the Bureau of the
18 Census and other independent, reliable sources and iden-
19 tify elements of cost and benefits to Guam which result
20 from the unusual role of Guam as one of the Nation's
21 principal military bastions in the Far East despite its
22 small size. The results of the studies conducted by the
23 Governor under this subsection shall be made available to
24 the Guam Legislature and to the Federal Office of Man-
25 agement and Budget for their use in reviewing and revis-

1 ing the Governor's request with respect to the level of ap-
2 propriation for the annual Federal payment to the Com-
3 monwealth of Guam. Such Federal payment should oper-
4 ate to encourage efforts on the part of the Government
5 of Guam to maintain and increase its level of revenues
6 and to seek such efficiencies and economies in the manage-
7 ment of its programs as are possible.

8 (b) The Governor, in studying and identifying the
9 costs and benefits to Guam brought about by its role in
10 the nation's national security, should to the extent fea-
11 sible, among other elements, consider—

12 (1) revenues unobtainable because of the rel-
13 ative lack of taxable commercial and industrial prop-
14 erty;

15 (2) revenues unobtainable because of the rel-
16 ative lack of taxable business income;

17 (3) potential revenues that would be realized if
18 exemptions from Guam taxes were eliminated;

19 (4) net costs, if any, after considering other
20 compensation for tax base deficiencies and direct
21 and indirect taxes paid, of providing services to or-
22 ganizations and corporate offices doing business only
23 with the Defense Department;

24 (5) recurring and nonrecurring costs of unreim-
25 bursed services to the Defense Department;

1 (6) recurring and nonrecurring costs of unreim-
2 bursed services rendered Guam by the Defense De-
3 partment; and

4 (7) relative tax burden on Guam residents com-
5 pared to that of resident in other jurisdictions in the
6 Pacific.

7 (c) The Governor shall submit his request, with re-
8 spect to the amount of an annual Federal payment, to the
9 Guam Legislature. The Guam Legislature shall by act ap-
10 prove, disapprove, or modify the Governor's request. After
11 the action of the Legislature, the Governor shall, by De-
12 cember 1st of each calendar year, in accordance with the
13 provisions in the Budget and Accounting Act, 1921 (31
14 U.S.C. 2), submit such request to the President for sub-
15 mission to the Congress. Each request regarding an an-
16 nual Federal payment shall be submitted to the President
17 7 months prior to the beginning of the fiscal year for
18 which such request is made and shall include a request
19 for an annual Federal payment for the next following
20 fiscal year.

21 **SEC. 1105. TRANSITION ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMON-**
22 **WEALTH.**

23 The Government of the United States in order to as-
24 sist Guam to make the political and economic transition

1 to Commonwealth agrees to assist the Commonwealth of
2 Guam as follows:

3 (1) The United States agrees to—

4 (A) finance the costs of institutional
5 changes connected with the change in Guam's
6 political relationship with the United States, to
7 include staff, contracts, and referendum costs
8 of the Guam Commission on Self-Determina-
9 tion;

10 (B) help meet the capital needs of Guam,
11 in accordance with the following section, nec-
12 essary to Guam's long-term, self-sustaining de-
13 velopment; and

14 (C) establish an economic development
15 fund to assist expansion of the private sector.

16 (2) There is hereby authorized such sums as
17 may be necessary to implement a long-term capital
18 improvement program approved by the Congress
19 permitting the Commonwealth of Guam to establish
20 an infrastructure base adequate for development of
21 the private sector and to strengthen the utility of
22 Guam for United States national security purposes.

23 (3) Guam shall submit a plan for Congressional
24 approval showing the total amounts proposed, the
25 distribution of funds by projects, phases, or pro-

1 grams with an assessment of needs, costs, benefits
2 and provision of local funds where available. The
3 capital improvement plan shall take into account all
4 related economic development projects and plans by
5 the Commonwealth of Guam.

6 (4) There is hereby authorized a revolving fund
7 to establish an Economic Development Fund on
8 Guam with authority to assist in the financing of the
9 private sector needs of Guam in its efforts to achieve
10 a higher standard of living for its people as members
11 of the American community and to develop the eco-
12 nomic resources needed to meet the financial respon-
13 sibilities of local self-government. To this end, the
14 Economic Development Fund is authorized to pro-
15 vide financial and other assistance to increase in-
16 vestments (including loans, tax incentives, guaran-
17 tees and equity capital) and to start or expand com-
18 mercial businesses on Guam in order to provide em-
19 ployment and ownership opportunities for the resi-
20 dents of Guam. Participation by private banks and
21 savings and loan institutions in the Economic Devel-
22 opment Fund shall be encouraged. Funds shall be
23 made available to the Economic Development Fund
24 by Congress after the following conditions have been
25 met:

1 (A) The submission of a set of procedures
2 to Congress for the participation of private
3 lending institutions and for the processing of
4 applications for assistance, indicating the role
5 of the Economic Development Fund's staff, out-
6 side consultants, and board review, and to guide
7 reviewers in making assistance and determining
8 eligibility.

9 (B) Submission of an economic develop-
10 ment plan, to be updated annually, by the Gov-
11 ernor of Guam to Congress, showing the pro-
12 posed amount, the proposed distribution of the
13 funds, and the terms on which the funds will be
14 made available. Such plan will take into account
15 any capital improvement projects and other pro-
16 grams related to economic development. The
17 funds granted to the Economic Development
18 Fund shall be a revolving fund, available to the
19 Economic Development Fund until expended.

20 (C) The Economic Development Fund
21 shall be headed by a five-member Board of Di-
22 rectors with financial experience for fixed terms
23 and selected by the Governor of Guam. The
24 Economic Development Fund shall issue a pub-
25 lic and audited report annually, setting forth

1 the administrative and programmatic develop-
2 ments for the year with full disclosure of the
3 utilization of its funds, the recipients of its as-
4 sistance, and the applications in process.

5 **TITLE XII—TECHNICAL AMEND-**
6 **MENTS AND INTERPRETA-**
7 **TION**

8 **SEC. 1201. INTERPRETATION AND JURISDICTION.**

9 (a) It is the intention of Congress that this Act pro-
10 vide complete internal self-government for the Common-
11 wealth of Guam and, to that end, that this Act be inter-
12 preted liberally to accomplish that purpose.

13 (b) When ruling upon the laws of the Commonwealth,
14 the courts of the United States shall give the same def-
15 erence to the laws of the Commonwealth as they give to
16 the laws of the several States. Jurisdiction to interpret the
17 provisions of this Act is vested in appropriate courts of
18 the United States and in the local courts of Guam.

19 **SEC. 1202. CONTINUED EFFECTIVENESS OF LOCAL LAWS.**

20 The laws of Guam in force on the date of enactment
21 of this Act, except as amended by this Act, are hereby
22 continued in force, subject to modification or repeal by the
23 Legislature of Guam.

1 **SEC. 1203. ACTS REPEALED AND CONTINUED.**

2 (a) All laws or parts of laws inconsistent with this
3 Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsis-
4 tency.

5 (b) Upon the enactment of this Act, the following sec-
6 tions of the Organic Act of Guam (Act of August 1, 1950,
7 64 Stat. 384), as amended, are repealed: Sections 1, 2,
8 and 3; fourth sentence of section 11, sections 25, 27, 33,
9 and section 34.

10 (c) Upon the effective date of the Constitution adopt-
11 ed by the people of Guam, the following provisions of the
12 Organic Act of Guam (Act of August 1, 1950, 64 Stat.
13 384), as amended, and in effect at that time, are repealed:
14 Sections 5(a) through (t), 6, 7, 8, 9, 9-A, 10; the first
15 three sentences of section 11; sections 12, 13, 14, 15, 16,
16 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 24, 26, 29,
17 30, and section 31.

18 (d) The following sections of the Organic Act of
19 Guam (Act of August 1, 1950, 64 Stat. 384), as amended,
20 shall continue in force and shall be deemed to be a part
21 of this Act: Section 5(u), beginning at the fifth sentence,
22 all the remainder of sections 11, 21-A, 24-A, section 28
23 as modified by Article 10 of this Act; 32, and section 35.

24 (e) Public Law 94-584 (90 Stat. 2899), as amended,
25 is repealed as it affects Guam.

1 **SEC. 1204. EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE GUAM COMMON-**
2 **WEALTH ACT.**

3 This Act, upon approval by Congress, shall be sub-
4 mitted to the registered voters of Guam for ratification
5 through a plebiscite to be held in accordance with the laws
6 of Guam. This Act will become effective upon the approval
7 of this Act by a majority of the voters who participate
8 in such plebiscite, and at that time, except as provided
9 in section 1203 of this Act, the Organic Act of Guam,
10 August 1, 1950, 64 Stat. 384, shall be repealed.

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