I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2015 (FIRST) REGULAR SESSION

Bill No. 27 -33(COR).

Introduced by:

FRANK B. AGUON, JF.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THAT PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WITH SUPERIOR RATINGS IN FISCAL YEAR 2002 WERE NOT COMPENSATED FOR MERITORIOUS PERFORMANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN §6203, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION OF THE MERIT BONUS PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002; AND PROVIDING FOR SUCH PAYMENTS,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guahan finds 2 that I Maga'lahen Guahan over the past two years had compensated meritorious 3 bonuses to public employees in line agencies dating back to October 1, 1991, 4 pursuant to §6203, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated. Upon the payment of these 5 6 merit bonuses, it was brought to the attention of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* that such 7 payments were restricted in fiscal year 2002 by Public Law No. 26-35, Chapter IV, Section 4(a), due to the implementation of cost containment measures. I 8 Liheslaturan Guahan further finds that it is estimated that over 1200 outstanding 9 public employees may have been directly affected by the legal restriction outlined 10 11 above.

12 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to authorize *I* 13 *Maga'lahen Guahan* to make such merit bonus payments to the public employees 14 who received superior performance evaluations in fiscal year 2002. 1

Section 2. Authorization for Payment of Meritorious Bonuses to Public Employees with Superior Performance Ratings in Fiscal Year 2002. 2 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the compensation of public 3 employees for meritorious ratings in accordance with §6203 of Title 4, Guam Code 4 Annotated, for fiscal year 2002, is hereby authorized. 5

Section 3. Identification of Funding Source. I Maga'lahen Guahan in 6 carrying out the provision contained in Section 2 of this Act shall utilize his 7 transfer authority as provided for in Section 9, Chapter VIII, of Public Law No. 32-8 9 181, in identifying funds necessary to effectuate the authorization contained in the previous section of this Act. 10

11 Section 4. Reporting Requirement. The Director of the Department of Administration shall report to I Maga'lahen Guahan and the Speaker of I 12 Liheslaturan Guahan no later than Ten (10) days following the initial 13 implementation of any payments authorized in Section 2 above, and every Thirty 14 (30) days thereafter, until such time full compliance with Section 2 of this Act is 15 accomplished. Such report shall include the identification of the funding source or 16 sources, and the date of remittance of such payments. 17

18 Section 5. Alternative Course of Action for the Implementation of Should I Maga'lahen Guahan be unable to identify a Section 2 of this Act. 19 funding source and implement the provision contained in Section 2 of this Act by 20 July 1, 2015, he shall present to the Speaker and the Chairman of the Committee 21 on Appropriations and Adjudication of I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan 22 Guahan a written plan highlighting a course of action and/or recommendation for 23 addressing the intent of this Act. Such plan shall be presented no later than the 24 date highlighted within this Section. 25

Section 6. Effective Date. The provisions contained within this Act shall 26 27 be effective upon enactment.

1 Section 7. Severability Clause. If any provision of this Law or its 2 application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid, or contrary to law, 3 such invalidity *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Law which 4 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the 5 provisions of this Act are severable.