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AN ACT TO AMEND § 4301(b) OF 4 GCA, RELATIVE TO THE CALCULATION OF GOVERNMENT OF GUAM GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Intent. I Liheslaturan Guahan notes that the Fiscal Year 2015 Government of Guam Group Health Insurance Plan (GHIP) rate splits did not recognize the lowest bidder in the PPO1500 plan and assign the lowest contribution to that bidder. Rather, the lowest bidder for all plans was determined to be a bid submitted for the HSA2000 plan. That bidder's rate was then used to determine all other rate splits for the HSA2000 plan and also for the PPO1500 plan. It is the intent of I Liheslatura to amend the instruction given to the Negotiating Team in its statute and seek to recognize the lowest bidder on a plan-by-plan basis. This would mean that the lowest bidder would be determined for each plan, and that the government contribution would be applied across all classes for that particular plan only as laid out in statute.

Section 2. Amendment.

"(b) All participation by employees in such contracts of insurance shall be on a voluntary basis. Effective in the next contract following the enactment of this subparagraph, the government's contribution for health and dental insurance shall be uniform within each class (including separate classes and rates for retired employees and their survivors) for [all] each competing plan[s], and shall not be less than fifty percent (50%) of the lowest premium for a single employee, except that the government shall increase the contributions it makes on behalf of a retired employee or survivor of a retired employee so that the retired employee or the survivor of a retired employee contributes no more than an active employee who is otherwise in the same class and in the same plan. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section to the contrary, the government of Guam shall

- 1 cover the full cost of insurance coverage for foster children, and such coverage shall require no co-
- 2 payments nor deductibles for the foster children insured pursuant to this Section."