# I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 222-33 (COR)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 6207 AND 6207.1 OF AND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS 6218.2 AND 6218.3 TO CHAPTER 6, TITLE 4 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROHIBITING BONUS PAY AND MANDATING PROPER PAY AND PAY ADJUSTMENT PROCESSING FOR UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. § 6207, Chapter 6, Title 4 of the Guam Code Annotated is hereby

amended to read:

### "§ 6207. Positions in Governor's Office.

The Governor is authorized to establish such positions as may be necessary for the operation of the Office of the Governor including offisland offices and Government House; provided, however, that no person shall be appointed to fill such a position in the absence of an appropriation to pay the salary set for such position. The Governor shall set the salaries for positions for which salaries are not set by law which shall be paid in twenty-six (26) equal installments from the date when such salary was set."

**Section 2.** § 6207.1, Chapter 6, Title 4 of the Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

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## "§ 6207.1. Positions in Lieutenant Governor's Office.

The Lieutenant Governor is authorized to establish such positions as may be necessary for the operation of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Guam State Clearinghouse, and other offices that are established and placed under the purview or direction of the Lieutenant Governor of Guam; provided, however, that no person shall be appointed to fill such a position in the absence of an appropriation to pay the salary set for such position. The Lieutenant Governor shall set the salaries for positions for which salaries are not set by law which shall be paid in twenty-six (26) equal installments from the date when such salary was set."

**Section 3.** A new section 6218.2 is hereby *added* to Chapter 6, Title 4 of the Guam Code Annotated to read:

## "§ 6218.2. Prohibition on Bonus Pay for Unclassified Employees.

No bonuses *shall* be authorized and/or paid in lump-sum or otherwise, to unclassified employees of the government of Guam unless so specified by law. Any person who authorizes a bonus payment in violation of this Section *shall* be guilty of a misdemeanor. For the purposes of this Section, bonuses or bonus payments *shall* mean sums authorized and/or paid to an unclassified employee that is separate and apart from and/or added to the base pay of such unclassified employee for any purpose."

**Section 4.** A new section 6218.3 is hereby *added* to Chapter 6, Title 4 of the Guam Code Annotated to read:

# "§ 6218.3. Processing of Pay Adjustments for Unclassified Employees.

Pay adjustments that increase base pay that are authorized pursuant to §§ 6207 and 6207.1 of this Chapter *shall* be paid in twenty-six (26) equal installments from the date when such pay adjustment was authorized. If, after such pay adjustments that increase base pay for such unclassified

employees that are authorized pursuant to §§ 6207 and 6207.1 of this
Chapter, a pay adjustment is authorized to decrease base pay within two (2)
pay periods, the amount of such pay adjustment that previously increased
base pay *shall* be repaid by the unclassified employee *no later than* the
following pay period subsequent to the date from when the pay adjustment
decrease was authorized."

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

Section 6. Severability. *If* any provision of this Act or its application to

**Section 6. Severability.** *If* any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end the provisions of this Act is severable.