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Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 211-33 (COR) "AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 122317 AND 122318 OF ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 12, PART 2, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE UPON THE PROMULGATION AND ENACTMENT OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS" which was signed into law on February 3, 2016, as Public Law 33-119.

Senseramente,

RAY TENORIO
I Maga'låhen Guåhan, para pa'go
Acting Governor of Guam

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I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2016 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LÅHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 211-33 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 122317 AND 122318 OF ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 12, PART 2, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE UPON THE PROMULGATION AND ENACTMENT OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS," was on the 20th day of January 2016, duly and regularly passed.



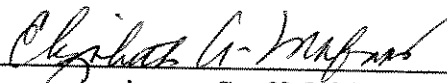
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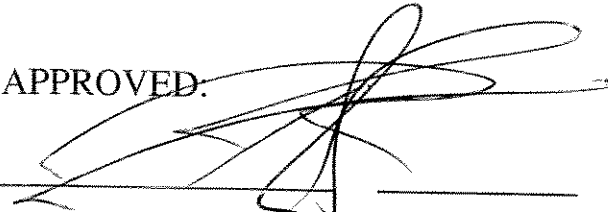


Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* this 22nd day of January,
2016, at 5:17 o'clock P.M.


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APPROVED:




RAYMOND S. TENORIO
Acting Governor of Guam

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

Bill No. 211-33 (COR)

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**AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 122317 AND 122318 OF
ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 12, PART 2, TITLE 10, GUAM
CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE
TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND
EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE
UPON THE PROMULGATION AND ENACTMENT OF
THE RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
that the members of the Guam Board of Social Work continue to require additional
time to promulgate the requisite rules and regulations, pursuant to § 122312 of the

1 Guam Social Work Practice Act, as enacted on December 10, 2012, and amended
2 on June 24, 2014 (Public Law 32-167).

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the statutory timelines by which
4 existing, currently practicing, social workers may obtain either exemptions or
5 exceptions necessary for the renewal of their licenses will expire on December 10,
6 2015. This will effectively result in the inability of over two hundred (200) social
7 workers to continue in their practice in the allied healthcare workforce. It will
8 likewise negatively impact the thousands of clients requiring their services.

9 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to once again accommodate the
10 Guam Board of Social Work by extending the date by which current social workers
11 may obtain exemptions or exceptions for the renewal of their licenses, and to
12 provide time during which they may promulgate their rules and regulations, as well
13 as develop the requisite applications and forms required to conduct the business of
14 the program.

15 **Section 2.** The first paragraph of § 122317 of Article 23, Chapter 12, Part
16 2, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is *amended* to read:

17 **“§ 122317. Exemptions.**

18 Exemptions may be granted to non-social work degree holders who
19 are employed with the job title “social worker” or any derivative thereof.
20 Those granted a Certificate of Exemption by the Board would be allowed to
21 remain in their social work positions without a social work license. Persons
22 may apply for a Certificate of Exemption upon the promulgation and
23 enactment of the rules and regulations. No person shall be granted a
24 Certificate of Exemption after eighteen (18) months after the enactment of
25 this Act. The Certificate of Exemption *shall* be effective indefinitely
26 throughout the course of the person’s professional career.”

1 **Section 3.** § 122318 of Article 23, Chapter 12, Part 2, Title 10, Guam
2 Code Annotated, is *amended* to read:

3 “§ 122318. **Exceptions.**

4 An exception is granted to any person meeting the following
5 conditions:

6 (a) a person who is employed or has retired with the job title
7 “social worker” or any derivative thereof and possesses a Bachelor’s,
8 Master’s, or Ph.D. degree in the field of social work from an
9 accredited or unaccredited social work degree program as of the date
10 of passage of this law. Those granted exceptions must obtain a social
11 work license upon the promulgation and enactment of the rules and
12 regulations, or within eighteen (18) months of the date of the
13 enactment of this Act, whichever is later;

14 (b) a person who self-identifies as a social worker and
15 possesses a Bachelor’s, Master’s, or Ph.D. degree in the field of social
16 work from an accredited or unaccredited social work degree program
17 upon enactment of this Act. Those granted exceptions must obtain a
18 social work license upon the promulgation of the rules and
19 regulations, or within eighteen (18) months of the date of the
20 enactment of this Act, whichever is later; and

21 (c) a person who possesses a non-social work degree, but
22 possesses a degree in a related social science, to include degrees such
23 as psychology, sociology, counseling, human relations and human
24 services, political science, criminal justice, and any other degrees as
25 approved by the Board; and who self-identifies as a social worker may
26 apply for an exception to obtain social work licensure meeting the
27 following requirements:

1 (1) provide a written request for exception from
2 licensure requirements to the Board;

3 (2) provide a written declaration that they are
4 individuals in good standing based on satisfactory employment
5 performance evaluations and with no ethical complaints in the
6 course of their employment with the job title “social worker”;

7 (3) sign a declaration statement that they will abide by
8 the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics;

9 (4) submit three (3) letters of verification; one (1)
10 from their current employer acknowledging that he/she is an
11 individual in good standing, and is highly recommended for
12 employment with the job title, “social worker”; and

13 (5) obtain fifty (50) continuing education units (CEU)
14 or certified training contact hours approved by the Social Work
15 Board in the field of social work to include the following: the
16 application of social work theory, knowledge, methods, ethics,
17 and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social,
18 psychosocial, or bio-psychosocial functioning of individuals,
19 couples, families, groups, organizations, and communities; and
20 training in the social work Generalist Practice Model that
21 includes assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, case
22 management, information and referral, counseling, supervision,
23 consultation, education, advocacy, community organization,
24 and the development, implementation, and administration of
25 policies, programs, and activities. The fifty (50) CEUs or
26 certified training contact hours shall have no time or date
27 limitations.

1 (d) All persons qualified for exceptions do not need to take
2 the appropriate licensure examination, but must conform to all other
3 requirements consistent with the appropriate level of licensure as
4 prescribed in the law. Exceptions may only be granted by the Board
5 up until the promulgation and enactment of the rules and regulations
6 as provided pursuant to this Article.”

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

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