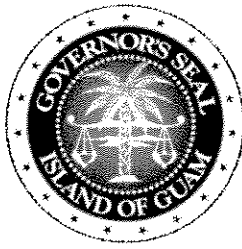


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JUN 12 2015

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
I Mina' trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 61-33 (COR) "AN ACT TO AMEND § 28105 OF ARTICLE 1, § 28201(a)(2)(A) OF ARTICLE 2, §28301 (a) OF ARTICLE 3, AND §§28401(b) AND 28404 OF ARTICLE 4, ALL OF CHAPTER 28, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO ALLOWING QUALIFIED NON-IMMIGRANT ALIENS ADMITTED INTO GUAM UNDER THE COMPACTS OF FREE ASSOCIATION TO PARTICIPATE IN STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION" which I signed into law on June 10, 2015, as **Public Law 33-38**.

Senseramente,


EDDIE BAZA CALVO

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2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that Bill No. 61-33 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §28105 OF ARTICLE 1, §28201(a)(2)(A) OF ARTICLE 2, §28301 (a) OF ARTICLE 3, AND §§28401(b) AND 28404 OF ARTICLE 4, ALL OF CHAPTER 28, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO ALLOWING QUALIFIED NON-IMMIGRANT ALIENS ADMITTED INTO GUAM UNDER THE COMPACTS OF FREE ASSOCIATION TO PARTICIPATE IN STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION," was on the 29th day of May 2015, duly and regularly passed.

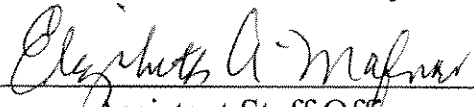


Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Attested:


Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* this 15 day of June,
2015, at 5:20 o'clock P.M.


Elizabeth A. Mafnas
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APPROVED:


EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan

Date: JUN 10 2015

Public Law No. 33-38

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Bill No. 61-33 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Higher Education,
Culture, Public Libraries and Women's Affairs;
and further amended on the Floor.

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**AN ACT TO AMEND §28105 OF ARTICLE 1,
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3, AND §§28401(b) AND 28404 OF ARTICLE 4, ALL OF
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RELATIVE TO ALLOWING QUALIFIED NON-
IMMIGRANT ALIENS ADMITTED INTO GUAM
UNDER THE COMPACTS OF FREE ASSOCIATION TO
PARTICIPATE IN STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
PROGRAMS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1.** This Act may be cited as the “Equal Opportunity in Higher
3 Education Act of 2015.”

1 **Section 2.** § 28105 of Article 1 (Administration), Chapter 28, Title 17, Guam
2 Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

3 “§ 28105. **Application Forms and Notices.**

4 The Board *shall* prescribe by regulation necessary application forms and
5 procedures for all awards pursuant to this Chapter. The Board *shall* give notice to
6 the community in all Guam public and private high schools, the Guam
7 Community College, the University of Guam, in a newspaper of general
8 circulation and the electronic media, and other appropriate places, at least once
9 before the acceptance period is to commence, on the availability of all awards.
10 Such notice *shall* be posted and sent by the Board annually in a timely manner to
11 permit interested students, who *shall* be residents of Guam and citizens of the
12 United States of America, a permanent resident alien, or a non-immigrant alien
13 admitted into Guam under the Compacts of Free Association between the United
14 States and the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall
15 Islands, and the Republic of Palau, an opportunity to apply for the awards granted
16 by this Chapter.”

17 **Section 3.** § 28201(a)(2)(A) of Article 2 (Merit Awards to the University of
18 Guam), Chapter 28, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

19 “(2) All awards *shall* be subject to the following limitations: A recipient
20 must be:

21 (A) a United States citizen, a permanent resident alien, or a non-
22 immigrant alien admitted into Guam under the Compacts of Free
23 Association between the United States and the Federated States of
24 Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of
25 Palau, who has completed a minimum of three (3) but no more than four
26 (4) academic years, and meets all academic credit requirements for

1 graduation during attendance in a public, non-public, or DODEA high
2 school on Guam; and”

3 **Section 4.** § 28301(a) of Article 3 (Jesus U. Torres Professional and Technical
4 Awards), Chapter 28, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

5 “(a) The applicant must be a bona fide resident of Guam for a period of
6 *not less than* ten (10) years prior to application, and a United States citizen, a
7 permanent resident alien, or a non-immigrant alien admitted into Guam under the
8 Compacts of Free Association between the United States and the Federated States
9 of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau,
10 and must have achieved an overall grade point average of 3.0 in undergraduate
11 studies if pursuing a master’s degree or a professional degree, or a 3.33 grade
12 point average in a master’s degree or professional degree program if pursuing a
13 doctoral degree or an irrevocable letter of acceptance from a U.S. accredited
14 institution, as recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation
15 (CHEA), or its successors, or an irrevocable letter of acceptance from a foreign
16 medical school, as listed in the World Health Organization (WHO) listing of
17 medical schools, which was approved by the Board of Medical Examiners, or the
18 Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical
19 Association, or by a private non-profit accrediting body approved by the Guam
20 Board of Medical Examiners.”

21 **Section 5.** § 28401(b) of Article 4 (Access to Higher Education Financial
22 Assistance Program), Chapter 28, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended*
23 to read:

24 “(b) the applicant must be a United States citizen, a permanent resident
25 alien, or a non-immigrant alien admitted into Guam under the Compacts of Free
26 Association between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia,
27 the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau, who has been a

1 resident of Guam for a continuous period of *not less than* four (4) years
2 immediately preceding June 15 of the year the award is to be given, and must *not*
3 be incarcerated;”

4 **Section 6.** § 28404 of Article 4 (Access to Higher Education Financial
5 Assistance Program), Chapter 28, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended*
6 to read:

7 **“§ 28404. Programs for Teachers, Nurses, and Other Specialized**
8 **Awards.**

9 The Board *shall* continue to award programs identified in 17 GCA Chapter
10 15, specifically, Article 9 (Doc Sanchez Scholarships), Article 10 (Nursing
11 Training), Article 13 (the Doctor Antonio C. Yamashita Teacher Corps), and
12 Article 14 (the Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education Scholarship
13 Program), consistent with rules and regulations promulgated by the Board as
14 authorized by this Chapter. The rules and regulations for programs authorized
15 under this Section must contain provisions for repayment of benefits and service
16 credit. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, or regulation, no such
17 program shall refuse an award to an otherwise qualified non-immigrant alien
18 admitted into Guam under the Compacts of Free Association between the United
19 States and the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall
20 Islands, and the Republic of Palau.”