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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE CRITICAL LIFE-SAVING *ADVANCED LIFE
SUPPORT PROGRAM* WITHIN THE GUAM FIRE
DEPARTMENT THROUGH ADDING A NEW §72105.1 TO
CHAPTER 72, DIVISION 3, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE
ANNOTATED; AND REQUIRING THE PROMULGATION
OF RULES AND REGULATION FOR ITS OPERATIONAL
REQUIREMENTS.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings/Intent.**

3 I Liheslaturan Guahan finds that the Guam Fire Department has over
4 the past eight years extended its critical life-saving services to the
5 community through the piloted Advanced Life Support (ALS) Program.
6 The Advanced Life Support Program was created to provide the
7 community with additional essential medical attention while individuals
8 are being transported to the Guam Memorial Hospital or to a local medical
9 facility. These additional services include, but are not limited to, the
10 administration of intravenous drugs, narcotics; specific diagnostic analysis,
11 i.e. pulse oximetry, glucose testing, and differential diagnosis; manual
12 defibrillation or ECG interpretation; and others. These services are critical
13 advanced, and in many cases, life-saving medical attention that must be

1 available to our people in the community. It is recognized that the
2 Advanced Life Support Program provides an essential service that has in
3 fact saved numerous lives over the years.

4 Therefore, this provision would recognize the tremendous
5 importance of the Advanced Life Support Program within the Guam Fire
6 Department, and would require that such services continue to be provided
7 to the community through making it a mandated requirement by law,
8 which should correspondingly be supported by funds allocated to the
9 agency. Rules and regulations would further need to be promulgated to
10 outline the specific requirements of the program. This provision does not
11 establish a new program within the Guam Fire Department, but insures the
12 continual operation of the existing piloted Advanced Life Support Program
13 that I Liheslaturan Guahan considers integral in the services presently
14 being provided by the Guam Fire Department to the people of Guam.

15 **Section 2. Official Establishment of the Advanced Life Support**
16 **Program within the Guam Fire Department through adding a new**
17 **§§72105.1 to Chapter 72, Division 3, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated.**

18 A new §72105.1 is hereby added to Chapter 72, Division 3, Title 10,
19 Guam Code Annotated, Guam Fire Department, to read as follows:

20 **“§§72105.1. Advanced Life Support Program.**

21 There is hereby established within the Guam Fire Department the
22 “Advanced Life Support Program”, which shall provide the following
23 services, but not be restricted to:

- 1 1.) Confirmation of basic life support assessment and
- 2 intervention;
- 3 2.) Development of medical impression or diagnosis;
- 4 3.) Delivery of manual defibrillation, electrocardiogram
- 5 (ECG) interpretation;
- 6 4.) Intubation services;
- 7 5.) Administration of intravenous medication;
- 8 6.) Insure medical control, through drug administration, to
- 9 include narcotics and standing orders;
- 10 7.) Provide diagnostic service, to include pulse oximetry,
- 11 glucose testing;
- 12 8.) Provide differential diagnosis; and
- 13 9.) Other life-saving services identified by the Guam Fire
- 14 Department as essential to the success of the Program.

15 Due to the increased training and education requirements (i.e.,
16 regular certification and updated training requirements) for Firefighter
17 personnel assigned to serve within the Advanced Life Support Program of
18 the Guam Fire Department, a review on the compensation of such
19 personnel shall be conducted by the Civil Service Commission. The Civil
20 Service Commission shall, within ninety (90) days upon the enactment of
21 this Act, review and evaluate the pay scale and compensation package for
22 personnel assigned to the Advanced Life Support Program and formulate a
23 recommendation for the Chief of the Guam Fire Department to present to I

1 Maga'Lahen Guahan and I Liheslaturan Guahan no later than thirty (30)
2 days upon the completion of the evaluation.

3 The Guam Fire Department shall promulgate rules and regulations
4 for the effective administration and operation of the Advanced Life
5 Support Program. The Rules and Regulations shall outline necessary
6 requirements associated with the operations required by the Advanced Life
7 Support Program, to include the education/training certification
8 requirements for assigned personnel to provide such services available
9 through the Program. Any proposed Rules and Regulations promulgated
10 in accordance with the provisions contained herein shall be presented to I
11 Liheslaturan Guahan no later than One Hundred Twenty (120) days upon
12 the enactment of this Act.

13 The Guam Fire Department shall incorporate into its annual
14 budgetary request the funding requirements for the Advanced Life
15 Support Program, to include personnel, equipment, vehicles, supplies, and
16 other necessities. "

17 **Section 3. Pilot Advanced Life Support Program within the Guam**
18 **Fire Department.**

19 The Guam Fire Department's existing internal pilot program called
20 the Advanced Life Support Program shall continue, and shall serve as the
21 transitional services into the formal "Advanced Life Support Program"
22 highlighted in Section 2 of this Act and until the completion of the
23 promulgation of the Program's rules and regulations.

1 **Section 4. Severability Clause.**

2 If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or
3 circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other
4 provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the
5 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act
6 are severable.