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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 4301(b) OF ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 4, TITLE 4 OF THE GUAM ANNOTATED CODE TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR MEDICARE PLAN (HOSPITAL **INSURANCE** COVERAGE), MEDICARE PLAN B (SUPPLEMENTAL MEDICAL INSURANCE), AND MEDICARE PLAN A & B, FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S AND EMPLOYEES' CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE RATES FOR RETIRED EMPLOYEES AND THEIR SURVIVORS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Section 4301(b) of Article 3, Chapter 4, Title 4 of the Guam Code Annotated is hereby amended as follows:

"(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

competing plans 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. However, at the request of retired employees or the survivors of retired employees who are receiving annuity benefits, the government's contributions made on behalf of such retired employees or survivors of retired employees and the employee contributions of such retired employees or survivors of retired employees shall be paid for premiums for Medicare Plan A – Hospital Insurance Coverage, Medicare Plan B – Supplemental Medical Insurance, and Medicare Plan A & B."