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Bill No. *200 (EC)*

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AN ACT TO *AMEND* SECTION 18101(I) AND TO *ADD* A NEW SECTION 18114.1 ALL TO CHAPTER 18 OF TITLE 10 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ALLOWING COSMETOLOGISTS LICENSED IN JAPAN TO OBTAIN A GUAM COSMETOLOGY LICENSE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.**
- Section 2. Amend Section 18101(I) of Chapter 18 of Title 10 of the Guam Code Annotated.**
- Section 3. Add new Section 18114.1 to Chapter 18 of Title 10 of the Guam Code Annotated.**
- Section 4. Severability.**

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that more and more couples from Asia, particularly from Japan, are coming to Guam to get married thereby spurring the growth of the wedding industry on Guam. The growth of the wedding industry on Guam provides many benefits to the Territory. It results in the growth of local employment, the construction of wedding chapels and related facilities, the infusion of capital into the local economy, the increase of government revenues, the overall growth of tourism and the enhancement of Guam's

1 image as a first class destination. Although Japanese brides are choosing to get
2 married on Guam many of them still desire to have their hair and make-up, as well as
3 the hair and make-up of members of their wedding party, done according to the
4 traditional Japanese custom and Japanese styles. The preparation of the hair and
5 make-up of brides and members of their wedding party in accordance with traditional
6 Japanese custom and Japanese styles is a very specialized art requiring specialized
7 skills and experience. Accordingly, there is a need on Guam for licensed
8 cosmetologists and professionals from Japan trained in the art of preparing the head,
9 hair and makeup of Japanese brides and members of their wedding party pursuant to
10 traditional Japanese custom and Japanese styles. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes
11 that in order to provide visitors with the ability to have their hair and makeup done in
12 accordance with the traditional Japanese custom and receive other related treatment, it
13 is necessary to allow cosmetologists and trained professionals who are licensed in
14 Japan to come to Guam to work in local bridal boutiques and head spas. *I*
15 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that such Japanese licensed cosmetologists and
16 professionals will contribute to Guam’s economy as mentioned above and will also
17 contribute to the training of local cosmetologists in the art of traditional Japanese
18 bridal hair and makeup and head spa treatment. Accordingly, in order to foster and
19 support the growing wedding industry and tourism on Guam, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
20 finds that Japanese licensed cosmetologists should be allowed to obtain on a limited
21 basis a Guam counterpart license based on their current license in Japan.

22 **Section 2.** Section 18101(l) of Chapter 18 of Title 10 of the Guam Code
23 Annotated is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

24 “(l) ‘*Reciprocity*’ means any person who has been licensed to practice
25 cosmetic art, or has been licensed to instruct cosmetic arts in another State or
26 territory of the United States or Japan, either as an apprentice, registered
27 cosmetologist or licensed ~~cosmetology~~ cosmetologist instructor, by the

1 examining board of such State or territory **or the government of Japan**, shall
2 be admitted to practice on Guam Said person must be in good standing with the
3 previous licensing Board in which a current license is obtained. Said person to
4 have held appropriate license(s) for a period of no less than two (2) years.”

5 **Section 3.** A new Section 18114.1 is hereby *added* to Chapter 18 of Title 10
6 of the Guam Code Annotated to read as follows:

7 **“Section 18114.1. Eligibility and Qualification for Reciprocity –**
8 **Foreign licenses.** An applicant who holds a current and unrestricted license
9 issued by the government of Japan and who is in good standing with the
10 appropriate Japanese licensing body shall be issued, upon passing the Guam
11 Cosmetology practical exam, a one and one-half (1½) year license to practice
12 the art of cosmetology for wedding and bridal boutiques and spas on Guam. As
13 a requirement of such eligibility, the licensee or the business employing the
14 licensee must be available to provide not less than twenty-four (24) hours of
15 training per year at recognized Guam cosmetology schools such as the Guam
16 Community College or on its business premises, or in sponsored seminars. As a
17 further requirement, in addition to the standard cosmetology license fees, any
18 such licensee shall pay an additional annual non-transferable license fee of Five
19 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Guam Cosmetology Fund.

20 **Section 4. Severability.** *If* any provision of this Act or its application to
21 any person or circumstances is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity
22 shall not affect other provisions or applications to this Act which can be given effect
23 without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act
24 are severable.