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Bill No. 22⁴ (LS)

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AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 12 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED
SUBSECTION 1108(c), TO CLARIFY PUBLIC POLICY ON
ATTORNEY SERVICES FOR ANTONIO B. WON PAT GUAM
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 **Section 1.** Current law authorizing the Antonio B. Won Pat Guam International Airport
3 Authority Board of Directors to retain an attorney has been liberally construed to include
4 retaining a law firm. Other autonomous agencies with similar authority to hire an attorney, such
5 as Guam Power Authority and Guam Waterworks Authority, have fulfilled the intent of their
6 respective laws by recruiting an in-house attorney as a member of their staff, resulting in
7 substantial cost savings to the agencies. This Act clarifies the intent of the subsection that
8 authorizes the Antonio B. Won Pat Guam International Airport Authority to hire an individual
9 person to serve as its staff attorney.

10 **Section 2.** Title 12 Guam Code Annotated, Subsection 1108(c) is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 “(c) The Attorney, who must have been admitted to the practice of law in Guam, shall be
13 an employee of the Authority, and shall devote his full time to the matters of the Authority. He
14 shall receive all employment benefits normally accorded to Authority employees similarly
15 situated. He shall advise the Board and the Executive Director on all legal matters to which the
16 Authority is a party or in which the Authority is legally interested, and may represent the
17 Authority in connection with legal matters before the Legislature, boards and other agencies of
18 the Territory or of the United States. The Attorney for the Authority shall represent the Authority
19 in litigation concerning the affairs of the Authority.”