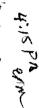
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AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED SUBSECTION 80108(d), TO CLARIFY PUBLIC POLICY ON ATTORNEY SERVICES FOR GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY



BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Current law authorizing the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority Board of Trustees to retain an attorney has been liberally construed to include retaining a law firm. Other autonomous agencies with similar authority to hire an attorney, such as Guam Power Authority and Guam Waterworks Authority, have fulfilled the intent of their respective laws by recruiting an in-house attorney as a member of their staff, resulting in substantial cost savings to the agencies. This Act clarifies the intent of the subsection that authorizes the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority to hire an individual person to serve as its staff attorney.

Section 2. Title 10 Guam Code Annotated, Subsection 80108(d) is amended to read as follows:

"(d) The Attorney, who must have been admitted to practice before the highest court of Guam, shall be an employee of the Authority, and shall devote his full time to the matters of the Authority. He shall receive all employment benefits normally accorded to Authority employees similarly situated. He shall advise the Board and the Administrator on all legal matters to which the hospital is a party or in which the hospital is legally interested, and may represent the hospital in connection with legal matters before the Legislature, boards and other agencies of the Territory and before courts in any jurisdiction. The power granted to the Attorney by this Subsection shall not be in derogation or diminution of the duty imposed upon the Attorney General by \$80104(e) of this Article."