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AN ACT TO AMEND § 3111 TO CHAPTER 3 OF PART I OF TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO BROADEN THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative intent. For an extended period of time, the Department of Public Health and Social Services has not had a Director dedicated solely to the word of that department. The same individual has been filling the positions of Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services and the Administrator of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority. In examining the law on the qualifications for Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, it was discovered that there is a lack of parallel language between the paragraphs describing the qualifications. The degree of Masters of Business Administration and Public Administration were included, however, at the Bachelor Degree level, these degree majors were omitted. In order to make the qualifications consistent, the language of the qualifications section of the personnel law on the Director, Department of Public Health and Social Services needs to be amended.

Section 2. § 3111 of Chapter 3 of Part I of Title 5 of the Guam Code Annotated is amended to read:

“§ 3111. Department of Public Health and Social Services.

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3 There is within the Executive Branch of the government of Guam a Department of Public
4 Health and Social Services, the head of which is the Director. The Director of the
5 Department of Public Health and Social Services is appointed by I Maga’lahi [the
6 Governor] with the advice and consent of I Liheslatura [the Legislature]. The Director
7 shall meet the following minimum qualifications:

8 Shall have graduated from a recognized college or university with a Master’s Degree in
9 Health Administration, healthcare service manage- ment, human service or a health
10 related field, and five (5) years of experience in the management and administration of a
11 human service, social service, or healthcare service organization of which three (3) years
12 shall have been experienced as an administrator or director in human
13 service, social service, or healthcare service organization; or

14 Shall have graduated from a recognized college or university with a Master’s Degree in
15 Business Administration or Public Administration, and five (5) years of experience in
16 health administration, human service, social service or healthcare service organization of
17 which three (3) years must have been experienced as an administrator or director in a
18 public health setting, human service, social service or healthcare service
19 organization; or

20 Shall have graduated from a recognized college or university with a Bachelor’s Degree in
21 Business Administration, Public Administration, Health Administration, healthcare
22 service management, human service or health related field, and eight (8) years of
23 experience in health administration or healthcare related field, of which five (5) years
24 shall have been experienced as an administrator or director in a public health, human
25 service, social service or healthcare service organization.”