

MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHA

TWENTY-NINTH GUAM LEGISLATURE

155 Hessler Place, Hagatfia, Guam 96910



October 15, 2007

The Honorable Felix P. Camacho I Maga'lahen Guåhan Ufisinan I Maga'lahi Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Maga'lahi Camacho:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 32(EC), 39(EC), 41(EC), 49(EC), 102(LS), 106(EC), 130(EC), 139(EC); and Substitute Bill Nos. 33(EC), 65(EC), 78(LS), 105(EC), 109(EC), 115(EC), 116(EC) & 132(EC) which were passed by I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan on October 10, 2007.

Sincerely,

Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

Enclosures (16)

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 39 (EC), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §1903.2 TO CHAPTER 19 OF TITLE 1 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; TO ADD A NEW §30101.1 TO CHAPTER 30 OF TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO ADD A NEW §40103.1 TO CHAPTER 40 OF TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE TRANSITION OF A NEWLY ELECTED PUBLIC AUDITOR, ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND VILLAGE MAYORS, RESPECTIVELY," was on the 10th day of October 2007, duly and regularly passed.

Attested: Ray Tenorio Senator and Secretary of the Legislature	Edward J.B. Calvo Acting Speaker
APPROVED:	Maga Tahi's Office
FELIX P. CAMACHO I Maga'lahen Guåhan	
Date:	
Public Law No	

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 39 (EC)

As amended on the Floor.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to create a stable environment in order for our government to be effective in serving its people. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that in certain elected positions such as the Public Auditor, the Attorney General, Mayors and

Vice Mayors, there is no set mechanism that effectuates and guarantees a smooth and orderly transition that will not interrupt the operations of each respective office in relation to the functions of Government for an incoming elected official and the outgoing incumbent. Therefore, it is the finding of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to create provisions that will allow for such transition to occur.

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Section 2. A new §1903.2 is hereby *added* to Chapter 19 of Title 1 Guam Code Annotated to read as follows:

"§1903.2. Transition for a Public Auditor-elect. For the period following the certification of the election and the swearing-in of the Public Auditor-elect, the incumbent Public Auditor, should he or she not be the successful candidate in that election, shall assist the Public Auditor-elect in the preparation of his or her new duties. During this transition period, the incumbent Public Auditor shall assist the Public Auditor-elect in acquainting the latter with the operations of the Office of the Public Auditor and all necessary functions that come with holding the office. The incumbent Public Auditor shall provide all documents at the request of the Public Auditor-elect necessary for the preparation of Public Auditor-elect in assuming office. The Public Auditor-elect, should he or she deem necessary, is authorized to appoint a Committee which shall be of assistance during the transition period between election and assumption of office. No funds shall be appropriated for the purposes of transition. Should an incumbent Public Auditor not be successful in an election, all property, equipment, and documents belonging to the Office shall not be removed by the exiting Public Auditor."

Section 3. A new §30101.1 is hereby added to Chapter 30 of Title 5 Guam

Code Annotated to read as follows:

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"§30101.1. Transition for an Attorney General-elect. period following the certification of the election and the swearing-in of the Attorney General-elect, the incumbent Attorney General, should he or she not be the successful candidate in that election, shall assist the Attorney General-elect in the preparation of his or her new duties. During this transition period, the incumbent Attorney General shall assist the Attorney General-elect in acquainting the latter with the operations of the Office of the Attorney General and all necessary functions that come with holding the office. The incumbent Attorney General shall provide all documents at the request of the Attorney General-elect necessary for the preparation of Attorney General-elect in assuming office. The Attorney General-elect, should he or she deem necessary, is authorized to appoint a Committee which shall be of assistance during the transition period between election and assumption of office. No funds shall be appropriated for the purposes of transition. Should an incumbent Attorney General not be successful in an election, all property, equipment, and documents belonging to the Office shall not be removed by the exiting Attorney General."

Section 4. A new §40103.1 is hereby *added* to Chapter 40 of Title 5 Guam Code Annotated to read as follows:

"§40103.1. Transition for Mayor and Vice Mayor. After the Certification of Election of newly elected Mayors, and Vice Mayors as applicable, there *shall* exist a transition period ending on the day of the oath of office. During this transition period, the incumbent Mayor, and incumbent Vice Mayor as applicable, *shall* provide assistance to the Mayor-

elect and Vice Mayor-elect to acquaint the latter with the operations and functions of the Offices. Should an incumbent Mayor and an incumbent Vice Mayor not be successful in an election, all property, equipment, and documents belonging to the Office *shall* not be removed by the exiting Mayor or Vice Mayor."

Section 5. Severability. *If* any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall *not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.