



I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Bill No. 72 (LS), "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER (CME), BY AMENDING §81103; AND ADDING A NEW §81103.1 TO CHAPTER 81 OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED," was on the 3rd day of April, 2009, duly and regularly passed.

Public Law No.

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As amended on the Floor.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (CME) and other matters pertinent
- 4 to the office were established by Public Law 11-37, in 1971. The provisions in
- 5 Public Law 11-37 remained intact and unamended since the law were first passed
- 6 38 years ago. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that, according to the incumbent CME,
- 7 many changes have taken place in training, policy and practice pertinent to the

1 functions of the CME. The current CME recommended that the minimum

2 qualifications for the CME in §81103 of Chapter 81, Title 10, Guam Code

Annotated be amended to reflect contemporary training, policy and practice.

It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to update the minimum qualifications for the CME by amending §81103 and *adding* a new §81103.1.

Section 2. §81103, Chief Medical Examiner, of Chapter 81, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

"§81103. Chief Medical Examiner. The Chief Medical Examiner *shall* be named by the Commission to serve for such term and at such salary as the Commission may fix. He may as part of his duties teach medical *or* law school classes, conduct special classes for police investigators, and engage in other activities related to the work of his office to such extent and on such terms as may be authorized by the Commission. Similar authorizations may be given by the Commission to other members of the staff. He *shall* serve as Secretary to the Commission."

Section 3. A new §81103.1, Minimum Qualifications for Chief Medical Examiner, is hereby *added* to Chapter 81, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

"§81103.1. Minimum Qualifications for Chief Medical Examiner.

The Chief Medical Examiner *shall* be a citizen, a permanent resident of the United States, *or* a person whose immigration status with the U.S. Immigration legally allows him to work in the United States, and a physician licensed to practice his profession in Guam. He must have current certification in Forensic Pathology by the American Board of Pathology *or* the American Osteopathic Board of Pathology *or* their successors."