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. 200-30 (COR) "AN ACT TO ADJUST THE COMPENSATION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF GUAM TO BE COMPARABLE AND EQUITABLE WITH OTHER LEGAL OFFICER POSITIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM, BY *AMENDING* §30116(a), CHAPTER 30, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND *REPEALING* §30116(b), CHAPTER 30, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED," was on the 10th day of November, 2009, duly and regularly passed.

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	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.			
	Speaker			
Attested				
Tina Rose Muña Barnes Legislative Secretary				
This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guåhan	this <u>13</u> day of <u>1000</u> , 2009, at			
1-30 o'clock P.M.	Bunatiolas			
	Assistant Staff Officer			
APPROVED:	Maga'lahi's Office			
FELIX P. CAMACHO I Maga'lahen Guåhan				
Date:				
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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. Public Law 25-44, enacted
- 3 on June 9, 1999, established the compensation for Guam's elected Attorney
- 4 General (AG). The annual compensation for the elected office was fixed at ninety

percent (90%) of the annual compensation of a judge of the Superior Court of Guam, which translates currently to Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) per annum. Since the enactment of Public Law 25-44 ten (10) years ago, other legal officer positions were established, each with a compensation prevailing at the time for the position.

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Since 1999, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the compensation level of other legal officer positions within the government of Guam service, which compare in function and responsibility to that of the Attorney General of Guam, has risen significantly. For example, currently the annual compensation of the following legal officer positions that compare to the elected Attorney General in function and responsibility are as follows:

TITLE	SALARY	BENEFITS	TOTAL
Public Defender Services Corp			
Director (Chief Attorney) (MN)	\$120,000.00	\$35,061.00	\$155,061.00
Civil Service Commission Legal			
Counsel (RK)	\$121,762.00	\$34,413.00	\$156,175.00
Port Authority of Guam Legal Counsel			
(FY 08 Legal Services Contract			
Expenditure) (LAP&As.)	\$577,939.00		\$577,939.00
Guam Airport Authority Legal			
Counsel (FY08 Legal Services			
Contract Expenditure)(MMS&T)	\$800,000.00		\$800,000.00
University of Guam Legal Counsel			
(VR)	\$111,667.00	\$31,897.00	\$143,564.00
Guam Public School System Legal	\$102,520.00	\$27,496.00	\$130,016.00

* Denotes	Full	Benefits	Including	Leave.	Medical	and Dental
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- 1 It is, therefore, the intent of I Liheslaturan Guåhan to adjust the
- 2 compensation of the Attorney General of Guam to be comparable and equitable
- 3 with other legal officer positions of the government of Guam by amending
- 4 §30116(a), Chapter 30, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, and to repeal §30116(b),
- 5 Chapter 30, Title 5 Guam Code Annotated.
- 6 Section 2. §30116(a), Chapter 30, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is
- 7 hereby *amended* to read:
- 8 "(a) The Attorney General *shall* be compensated in twenty-six (26)
- 9 equal installments for an annual salary of One Hundred Twenty Thousand
- 10 Dollars (\$120,000)."
- Section 3. §30116(b), Chapter 30, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is
- 12 hereby *repealed* in its entirety.
- 13 Section 4. Effective Date. This Act shall become effective on the 1st day
- 14 of January, 2011.