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BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES
335-32 (LS)	D. G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.,	AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE, BY AMENDING §122317 AND §122318 OF ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 12, PART 2, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.	5/8/14 4:23 p.m.	05/09/14	Committee on Health & Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development, and Senior Citizens		06/11/14 10:12 a.m.	Fiscal Note Requested 5/20/14



SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

JUN 11 2014

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report – Bill No. 335-32(LS)

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith, for your consideration, is the **Committee Report on BILL NO. 335-32(LS)- An act to extend the timeline for obtaining exemptions and exceptions for social worker licensure, by amending §122317 and §122318 of Article 23, Chapter 12, Part 2, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated**; Sponsored by Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., and referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development and Senior Citizens. Bill No. 335-32(LS) was publicly heard on May 22, 2014.

Committee votes are as follows:

- 8 TO PASS
- ___ NOT TO PASS
- ___ ABSTAIN
- 2 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
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Senseramente,

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
Chairman

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**COMMITTEE REPORT
ON**

BILL NO. 335-32 (LS)

Sponsored by Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

An act to extend the timeline for obtaining exemptions and exceptions for social worker licensure, by amending §122317 and §122318 of Article 23, Chapter 12, Part 2, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated.




SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

June 10, 2014

MEMORANDUM

To: ALL MEMBERS
Committee on Health & Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development and Senior Citizens.

From: Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. 
Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on Bill no. 335-32(LS).

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This report includes the following:

- Committee Voting Sheet
- Committee Report Narrative/Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 335-32 (LS)
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony and Supporting Documents
- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 335-32(LS)
- Notices of Public Hearing (1st and 2nd)
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Related News Articles (Public hearing publication of public notice)

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu'os Ma'ãse'!

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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

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DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr. Chairman		✓ 6/10				
V. ANTHONY ADA Vice Chairman		✓				
JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker (Ex-officio)		✓				
BENJAMIN J. F. CRUZ Vice-Speaker		✓				
TINA ROSE MUNA-BARNES Legislative Secretary		✓				
FRANK B. AGUON, Jr. 6/11/14		✓				
VICENTE C. PANGELINAN						
RORY J. RESPICIO		no 6-11-14				
ALINE A. YAMASHITA, Ph.D.					✓	
MICHAEL LIMTIACO						
BRANT T. MCCREADIE		✓				
CHRISTOPHER M. DUENAS					✓ 6/10/14	



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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Bill No. 335-32(LS)

I. OVERVIEW: The Committee on Health & Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development and Senior Citizens conducted a public hearing on May 22, 2014. The hearing convened at 2:00P in I Liheslatura's Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of **BILL NO. 335-32(LS)- An act to extend the timeline for obtaining exemptions and exceptions for social worker licensure, by amending §122317 and §122318 of Article 23, Chapter 12, Part 2, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated; Sponsored by Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.,** and referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development and Senior Citizens. Bill No. 335-32(LS) was publicly heard on May 22, 2014..

Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via hand-delivery/fax and/or email to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on May 14, 2014 (5-day notice), and again on May 18, 2014 (48-hour notice).

Senators Present

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Chairman
Senator V. Anthony Ada	Vice Chairman
Senator Frank Aguon, Jr.	Committee Member
Senator Tommy Morrison	Committee Member

The public hearing on agenda item Bill No. 335-32(LS) was called to order at 2:05PM.

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION.

Chairman Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr.: Hafa Adai Good afternoon the Committee in Health Human Services Insurance Reform Economic Development & Senior Citizens now convenes this Public Hearing. Public Hearing notices were given to the media, first notice on Thursday, May 15, 2014 and second notice May 19, 2014 for the record today is Thursday, May 22, 2014 the time is 2:05 pm the committee will hear and accept testimony in Bill No.335-32(LS) an act to extend the timeline for obtaining exemptions and exceptions for social worker licensure, by amending 122317 and 122318 of Article 23, Part, Title 10, Guam Annotated. I like to acknowledge the presence of Vice Chair of the Committee Senator Tony Ada and Senator Frank Aguon, Jr. thank you very much for joining me this afternoon. For those who wish to testify provide oral and written I ask you to please sign in if you haven't already. I like to call up to testify Mr. Craig Burns, Ms. Ovita Perez, Sarah Taitano, Deanna Komiyama, I think we can fit everyone, right. Christine Baes and Shirley Untalan. And Guadencia, yes please , we going to have the board representative, thank you very much for being here this afternoon. Just briefly Bill No.335-32 is a measure to extend the timeline



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for social work licensure as you know we pass the law previously from the last term to put this board together, they have to put the process together so the problem we have the nomination and the subsequent confirmation didn't happen until way pass the time line that we all wish it would happen. So what did now is push the date and the requirement needed for the board to come together and entertain any application that come in. and I know that government alone it affect 200 social workers and the private sector of course that is all going to have an in fact. We heard, we met with the board for the first time to weeks ago and we heard the concern from them. That they wanted more time because original law says they have 18 months, I believe. However, they were able to meet only a panel, first meeting was two weeks ago so they need that time line. So what this bill does is set that timeline to come in and apply for visa extension. So now I'll have chairman of the social work board, Ms. Guadencia Burns to open up.

Gaudencia Burns: (Please see attached written statement)

Chairman Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr.: Thank you very much Madame chair and Ms. Perez.

Ovita Perez: (Please see attached written statement)

Chairman Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr.: Thank you very much Ms. Perez, Mr. Burns.

Craig W. Burns: (Please see attached written statement)

Chairman Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr.: Thank you very much. Deanna.

Deanna Komiyama: Hafa adai Chairman, and Senator and welcome Senator Morrison. My Name is Deanna Komiyama, I am the VP at NASW- Guam chapter. And I am also one of the first graduates on Guam NSW program from the University in Hawaii and Manoa. And I set here as your future, I testified with this bill when it was first came and I am testifying again to support. And as the professional here speaks and I'm interring the arena of the profession, I speak on behalf of those that just graduating from the program. To Senators that are listening, we have 14 more individuals entering the Social work program , that means 14 more professional who will be helping our most vulnerable and those that are most needy. I ask that this legislation body and Mr. Chairman that you humble to our request , and that you do this extension for us and like what Mr. Burns said, we do this the right way. It's been a long time coming and I know that there is a lot of people that work very very hard for it and we should not let it just go to waste. And I would like to verbally state that I commend the board, the social work board , the licensing board and their effort to pursue this and trying to do it correctly so that all our profession will be taking care off and most importantly our consumers and clients. That way we look towards us and know that we are license. Sometimes, the last is the best cause you get to see everyone and what they done even if we are the last jurisdiction license but I think at the same time we have the best seat in the house because we can look on what is been done and what we can do to make things better and we can do it particularly for the island of Guam. So I humbly ask for your support and I humble ask that you allow this bill to pass and that we allow this extension to take place so we can do it properly not just for those who is currently seating and the position but for those who will be joining the work force very very soon. Thank you.



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Chairman Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr.: Thank you very much Deanna for your testimony. Is there anyone else that wishes to testify? Christine Baes and Shirley Untalan. You can just pull up another chair. I want to recognize the other 2 board members, Mr. Silverio and Melissa Chargualaf, thank you for being here.

Christine Baes: Good afternoon senators. My name is Christine Baes. I am the National Association Treasurer and I am speaking on behalf for myself. I am in full support of the bill 335-32. This will not just help me but also my fellow colleagues that are working with the Catholic social service as what Craig Berns mentioned. We have a few workers at our department that don't have a social worker degree but practice as a social worker. This will help them also. With the exception of not just my fellow colleagues but also other agencies. I am also part of the persons that pushed for the Social Work Practice Act and part of the class of 2012 that lobbied for licensure on Guam. Basically, that's about it. Thank you very much.

Chairman Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr.: Thank you very much ma'am for your testimony. We also received the written testimony that was sent in from Doris Bukikosa from the department of education in support of the measure as well. If this timeline is not extended will impact them in DOE, as well. Before I open up questions, do you have any questions for my colleague? O just wants to say, Mr. Burns, you hit it right on target with what you said with social workers. Sometimes, the things you do is a thank-less job but, you do it. You continue to provide that care to our community. This morning, we were at the pinning ceremony for the graduates. And so I said, you're entering a profession where you're going to have new folks to guide you. Many of you have been in this profession, day in, day out. And so I told them they're very lucky to have you there. You'll be the wisdom; you'll be there to guide them. Just they will be there to guide them. So with this newly established licensure board and the great group of member you have here, things are looking real good. I remember Deana last time you were here and you had a sign that said "Got License?" I was going to ask the students today but everyone was so formal and Senator Aguon and I came late so I couldn't joke around and ask if they have license, right? But again, that's right. You're still trying. That's right. But thank you very much again. Does vice chair if they have any comments or questions?

Vice Chairman Senator Tony Ada: None Mr. Chair but just thank you very much for coming out and bringing this out to our attention so that we can determine and took immediate action and Mr. Burns I keep seeing you look over the misses there and know when you cut it off and got the signal real good didn't you. That's social work at its best, but no thank you for bringing this to our attention and hopefully we be able to get the Chairman to report this out and hopefully get it to our next session and thank you all for being here thank you for the work you do.

Chairman Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr.: Thank you, Senator Aguon.

Senator Frank Aguon, Jr.: Thank you Thank you very much my chairman and again ladies and gentleman I like to thank you very much for providing testimony and once again the attention of the chairman and also legislature, just a couple of questions and regards to the timeline. I heard a June 10, 2014 if in fact this is not inaccurate? I would not be to concerned about that we haven't received



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any official confirmation on towards what are the next session but the Chairman can also insert a language that will be retroactive to particular date so that once it's in acted it doesn't affect anyone so by any chance we do have session pass the 10th of June suddenly that language can be incorporated and so we address and lay some of the concern of social workers. Now, I guess my second question will be the propose extension is Dec. 10, 2015 or 18 months from the day of in act meant of this probation or this entire act because the language I think we need to be a bit specific for all of to read enactment of this act. And I am under the impression that they act was in 2012 or was that in 2012, Mr.Chairman?

Chairman Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr.: Yes.

Senator Frank Aguon, Jr.: It may have to read Dec.10, 2015 will be more applicable in this case you have those two option. It just looking at whichever is later. I think the 18 months had already laps. And just for purposes of clarity just making sure that there is this understanding that Dec. 10, 2015 perhaps would be the appropriate deadline in terms of getting all the social workers to be incompliance the licensure requirement. Now, looking at in addition to the extension have there been any other concern and I want to make sure that the social worker licensure board has ample time to review the entire process to meet some of the requirement. But do you anticipate any other challenges before the Dec. 10, 2015 deadline because perhaps 6 months down the road we realize some of the requirement by law may require may additional timeline only because when the certification, instruction and training is offered. So that another question my issue comes in whether Dec. 10, 2015 would be an appropriate time line in terms of additional year and half. When in fact the courses and the training where only offer once or twice a year and the next year a half and realistically can all 300 go through that particular training.

Gaudencia Burns: Our Main issue right now because we didn't have q quorum now we do there's 4 of us and we still waiting 5th board member. The 4 member that are right now for the board are fully committed with the rule and regulation of the application and fees. Now the challenge with that is we can only meet once a month and if we need to meet more, we have to publicize it. And unfortunately we don't have the money for that so we have to rely on the newspaper to do it for free. So us we go along with our meeting , we want to get things done, let me rephrase that if we want to get things done faster today or tomorrow it faces a lot blocks because it has to be done as we meet us a quorum. So that's were some of the challenges that I have to face and slow down and recognized that however at this point we are only aloud to meet once a month because we don't have the funds to publicize for more meeting.

Senator Frank Aguon, Jr.: Okay, I have an appreciation in that for sure the Chairman is aware of that you condition your situation so that you get better to the point where it allow you to meet at least twice a month. At least in the exception when you're getting things going because there is something you have just mention the formulation of rules and regs. And even the rules and regs have to go to the triple a process, the administrative and adjudication process. After your done reviewing it , after your done conducting your own public hearing bringing that information for the public and then presenting it to this body then 90 days is laps then another 36 days may have laps and were down to less than a year for all the social worker to come into compliance. I'm glad you brought that up because at least now the Chairman and members of this body will be tracking and understanding



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when the rules and regs. are formulated and if there's a need for that additional flexibility then the members of this panel will not be surprised that we have to take in consideration the formulation before they can actually propose on improvement of the certification requirements. Those are very critical factors and I'm glad that at least you have this member even though you are waiting for one additional member and hopefully that individual will be appointed very soon, and confirmed very shortly. So in fact we can move ahead and for the Social workers licensing board to be able to proceed. Because you provide a very important service to the community and I think by virtue of not only having this hearing but Chairman moving forward with this measure is that we recognized the service you provide to the community so thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr.: Thank you very much Senator Aguon. Senator Morrison.

Senator Thomas Morrison: Thank you Mr. Chair and I want to thank the panel for your testimony and I want to apologize for walking in in the middle of your testimony, Sir. Just a follow up with Senator Aguon's line of questioning, I just also want to understand this date was I guess determined by the board and I like to know if this was ample time as far as the exception?

Gaudencia Burns: We talk about it with the board and were deciding what will be the best. We were juggling a year, 18 months and as time goes by and when we meet with Senator Rodriguez, okay 18 months it will be a realistic time. We are very aware that we have to bring the rules and regulation to you. We are also very aware that we have the economic impact and the fee and bring it back to you for approval before we say this is going to be the cause of the application or any fees. So we are aware of that we are on time crunch at the same time we don't want it to go on and on and on for years and years and years and lose credibility or not take our profession seriously. So we want to show that we're working together as a group to help the community, to help each other. And as board we have not talk about any statute and for some that submitted initially by who created the law and we have to talk to them for help and that are willing to help. And that we are helping together and that we really hope that 18 months will be enough time and let just hope for the best and that bill comes to you and will just be push push push, work work work.

Senator Thomas Morrison: I certainly wish you all the best with this timeline and I understand as former Director of Guam Contractor Licensing board I'm trying to update the rules and regs, I saw that sometimes there are things that just cripple to the process. I do hope that this time that I work best and that in your favor. Thank you and we look forward to working with you. Thank you Mr. Chair.

Chairman Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr.: Thank you very much Senator. You know you have Asst. AG working with you right, with the board?

Gaudencia Burns: Correct

Chairman Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr.: Okay I will suggest you seek council from him because if you can only meet once a month now officially because you don't have you don't have any source to publish even with that we can even look how we can assist you. Probably you can look as to how you can have working session so I would encourage you to seek council just make sure you could



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cause I know another board not a board but example the health insurance negotiating team, they have working session because they are challenge from having a quorum and that will preclude you so for work to get things done. So I would suggest you look at that so work can still get done.

Gaudencia Burns: We have meet several times outside however our last meeting which is our first official meeting we were told that we can have our concession. We were very confused because we were told that 2 are consider a group, 3 so we have to be very careful. We have to clarify that with him.

Chairman Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr.: Okay great, if there's nothing else we convene that this bill has been publicly heard and will wrap up the committee report and have it ready for the next session.

Ovita Perez: I just like to make a comment

Chairman Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr.: Yes Ma'am.

Ovita Perez: I just seek the assistant of getting the Governor to appoint the 5th person I meant NASW have been giving the name and nomination of individuals who are ready and willing to work so if they are having trouble of getting more names and nominates out there then call us so that we can submit and any of them with can work with that. Because really we knew at the time that we had it that we are getting this law pass that there's need to be a timeline and in terms of providing the rules and regulation, we are guided by the Association of the Social Work Board and most of the information that we took from the law was taking right out are voted from and sited from the Association of Social Work Board. With that in mind hopefully it won't take another 18 months hopefully because you know social work that waited 30 years. I know I'm celebrating my 35th year because I graduated from high school and surely after that but yah. You know just a help to get the last person as board member out cause you know even with a quorum and they're 4 members that are voting we still need a tie breaker. Thank you.

Chairman Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr.: Okay so the committee will follow up with that as well and will ask the Minority leader to use his voice. Okay so the time now is 2:41 pm and this hearing is adjourned.

There being no other testimony, or comments by Senators, Chairman Rodriguez declared the bill as having been heard, and concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 335-32(LS). The committee would continue to accept written testimony for a period of ten (10) days subsequent to the public hearing.

Fiscal Note: Requested May 20, 2014.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Health & Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development and Senior Citizens, hereby reports out Bill No. 335-32(LS), with the recommendation to

MINA' TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 336-32 (KS)

Introduced by:

D.G. RODRIGUEZ, JR 

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE, BY AMENDING §122317 AND §122318 OF ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 12, PART 2, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent:** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that the members of the Guam Board of social Work require additional time to
4 promulgate the requisite rules and regulation, as authorized pursuant to §122312 of
5 Guam Social Work Practice Act, as enacted on Dec 10, 2012. However, the
6 members of the Board were only recently nominated and confirmed in early 2014.

7 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the statutory timelines by which
8 existing, currently practicing social workers may obtain either *exemptions* or
9 *exceptions* necessary for the renewal of their licenses will expire on June 10, 2014.
10 This will effectively result in the inability of over two hundred (200) social
11 workers from continuing their practice in the allied healthcare workforce. It will
12 likewise negatively impact the thousands of clients requiring their services.

13 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to accommodate the Guam Board of
14 Social Work by extending the date by current social workers may obtain
15 exemptions or exceptions for the renewal of their licenses, and to provide time
16 during which they may promulgate their rules and regulations, as well as develop

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1 the requisite applications and forms required to conduct the business of the
2 program.

3 **Section 2.** The first paragraph of §122317 of Article 23, Chapter 12, Part 2,
4 Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *AMENDED* to read:

5 “§ 122317. **Exemptions.** Exemptions may be granted to non-social work
6 degree holders who are employed with the job title “social worker” or any
7 derivative thereof. Those granted a Certificate of Exemption by the Board would
8 be allowed to remain in their social work positions without a social work license.
9 Persons may apply for a Certificate of Exemption by December 10, 2015 or within
10 eighteen (18) months of the date of the enactment of this Act, whichever is later.
11 After the eighteen (18) months period has expired, no person shall be granted a
12 Certificate of Exemption. The Certificate of Exemption shall be effective
13 indefinitely the course of the person’s professional career.”

14 **Section 3.** §122318 - Exceptions, of Article 23, Chapter 12, Part 2, Title 10,
15 Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *AMENDED* to read:

16 “§ 122318. **Exceptions.** An exception is granted to any person meeting the
17 following conditions:

18 (a) a person who is employed or has retired with the job title “social
19 worker” or any derivative thereof and possesses a Bachelor’s, Master’s, or Ph.D.
20 degree in the field of social work from an accredited or unaccredited social work
21 degree program as of the date of passage of this law. Those granted exceptions
22 must obtain a social work license by December 10, 2015, or within eighteen (18)
23 months of the date of the enactment of this Act, whichever is later;

1 (b) a person who self-identifies as a social worker and possesses a
2 Bachelor's, Master's, or Ph.D. degree in the field of social work from an accredited
3 or unaccredited social work degree program upon enactment of this Act. Those
4 granted exceptions must obtain a social work license by December 10, 2015, or
5 within eighteen (18) months of the date of the enactment of this Act, whichever is
6 later; and

7 (c) a person who possess a non-social work degree, but possesses a degree
8 in a related social science, to include degrees such as psychology, sociology,
9 counseling, human relations and human services, political science, criminal justice,
10 and any other degrees as approved by the Board; and who self-identifies as a social
11 worker may apply for an exception to obtain social work licensure meeting the
12 following requirements:

13 (1) provide a written request for exception from licensure
14 requirements to the Board;

15 (2) provide a written declaration that they are individuals in good
16 standing based on satisfactory employment performance evaluations and
17 with no ethical complaints in the course of their employment with the job
18 title "social worker";

19 (3) sign a declaration statement that they will abide by the National
20 Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics;

21 (4) submit three (3) letters of verification; one (1) from their current
22 employer acknowledging that he/she is an individual in good standing, and
23 is highly recommended for employment with the job title, "social worker";
24 and

25 (5) obtain fifty (50) continuing education units (CEU) or certified
26 training contact hours approved by the Social Work Board in the field of

1 social work to include the following: the application of social work theory,
2 knowledge, methods, ethics, and the professional use of self to restore or
3 enhance social, psychosocial, or bio-psychosocial functioning of individuals,
4 couples, families, groups, organizations, and communities; and training in
5 the social work Generalist Practice Model that includes assessment,
6 planning, intervention, evaluation, case management, information and
7 referral, counseling, supervision, consultation, education, advocacy,
8 community organization, and the development, implementation, and
9 administration of policies, programs, and activities. The fifty (50) CEUs or
10 certified training contact hours shall have no time or date limitations.

11 (d) All persons qualified for exceptions do not need to take the appropriate
12 licensure examination, but must conform to all other requirements consistent with
13 the appropriate level of licensure as prescribed in the law. Exceptions may only
14 be granted by the Board up until December 10, 2015, or within eighteen (18)
15 months of the date of the enactment of this Act, whichever is later.”

16 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall become immediately effective
17 upon enactment.

Date: May 22, 2014, Time: 2:00p.m, Room: Legislature's Public Hearing Room

To: House Committee on Health and Human Services

Senator Dennis G Rodriguez, Jr Chair
Senator V Anthony Ada, Vice Chair

From: Gaudencia Palomo-Burns, LSW

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Re: Bill 335-32 (LS) act to extend the timeline for obtaining exemptions and exceptions for Social Work licensure.

Chairman, Vice chairman & Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Bill 335-32, an Act to extend the timeline for obtaining exemptions and exceptions for Social Work licensure. My name is Gaudencia Palomo-Burns, and as the Chairperson of the Guam Social Work Licensing Board, and a currently licensed Social Worker, I strongly support this Bill. I support this Bill for the following reasons:

To continue to support implementation of the Social Work Practice Act, Chapter 12, Part 2 of Title 10, Guam Annotated Code. It is in the best interest of the public and the social work profession to extend the period for exceptions and exemptions an additional 18 months. The law was signed on December 10, 2012, and the initial 18-month period to authorize exceptions and exemptions will expire on June 10 2014. The importance of this date and the importance of the exceptions and exemptions is that this is the date by which all individuals currently practicing social work and who either do not have a social work degree or who have a social work degree from a non-accredited social work program must comply with the law. Is the deadline for non BSW, MSW unaccredited to comply with the law. The exception/exemption clause will allow the Board to license all non BSW/MSW degree holders in order that they can continue in their present positions and remain in compliance with the law. However, it was not until January 2014 that the Guam Social Work Board finally had enough members for al quorum and the Board's first meeting was not held until May 6, 2014. It was then that the Board received final clarification that all non BSW/MSW needed to comply with the law.

June 10, 2014 is only a few days away and it is unrealistic—even impossible—to comply with this requirement. I am here to express my support as Chairperson of the Social Work Licensing Board to extend the timeline and additional 18 months to allow the Board to thoroughly work on the rules and regulations, application process, and other matters essential to insure appropriate, effective, and timely implementation of this law. It is

important that we do this right to protect the public, the consumers, clients, and patients we work with, and to protect the integrity of our profession. There are currently as many as 300 individuals who are practicing as social workers and will fall under the exception/exemption clause we are talking about. If we are not able to license these individuals, the majority of whom work in the public sector, a variety of public agencies, and the numerous non-profits on the island, the vast majority of which serve the most vulnerable populations in our community, we run the very real risk of losing this extremely valuable asset and removing a vital part of the safety net of services these individuals provide for our community.

Thank you.

Date: May 22, 2014, Time: 2:00p.m, Room: Legislature's Public Hearing Room

To: Committee on Health and Human Services
Senator Dennis G Rodriguez, Jr Chair
Senator V Anthony Ada, Vice Chair

From: Craig W. Burns, MA, MSW, LSW
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Mr. Chairman, senators, Hafa Adai and Good Afternoon.

My name is Craig Burns and I want to thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Bill 335-32 (LS) an Act to extend the timeline for obtaining exemptions and exceptions for Social Work licensure. I am a licensed social worker currently employed at the Department of Veterans Affairs Home Based Primary Care Program but I am here today as a social work professional, a veteran, and a member of the community. In addition to my work with elderly and home-bound veterans, I am the Medical Social Worker for a local health services agency, adjunct faculty at the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and I will be sworn in as president-elect of the Guam Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers in July. The passage of the Social Work Practice Act, Chapter 12, Part 2 of Title 10, Guam Annotated Code in 2012 was a remarkable day for Guam. Guam was the last jurisdiction in the United States that did not have a licensing law governing the practice of Social Work. Why is this important?

Please bear with me as I provide a little context. Social Work is one of what we collectively call the "helping professions." While motivations vary as to why individuals choose to enter the social work profession, most often it comes down to a basic, primal desire to help others. By its nature, then, social work focuses on serving the underserved, focuses on empowering those in need and giving a voice to those who cannot raise theirs. We are often not paid well for what we do, but we do it anyway. We are often demonized in the media, criticized and rarely thanked for the work we do, but we do it anyway. Our motivations are creating a better community and a better island, not only for those with whom we work, but for all of Guam. The work we do influences lives and it is important that an individual, a family, a village, or even the island as a community is confident in knowing that the person with whom they are entrusting themselves, to whom they may be sharing their deepest, most intimate thoughts, is qualified to take care of them, to nurture their healing and recovery, to follow a Code of Ethics that places the safety and protection of the client, the patient, the consumer, and the community above all else. We license many professions, from lawyers to doctors and nurses, even cosmetologists. Yet, until the passage of this law, individuals who daily put themselves on the front lines to social empowerment and change, to help those who cannot help themselves, did not have anything that would let them assure the public: "Yes, I am qualified to help."

Guam is unique in many ways, and the powerful, resilient spirit of her people has continually impressed me since my arrival in 2012. As a social worker, father, veteran, and member of the

community, my family and I have decided to make Guam our home. That is my personal motivation in wanting to see my profession help properly accountable to our clients.

Again, why is this law important, and why is an extension of the exception/exemption clause absolutely necessary? Others will have spoken on the definition of exception and exemption in the context of the Social Work Practice Act. I want to talk briefly about the real-life implications of this clause. As I mentioned a moment ago, Guam is unique in many ways. One of the ways services have been provided over the years is for people who do not have a social work degree or who have a degree from an unaccredited university to practice in social work positions. With this law in effect, if these individuals are not licensed, there is a very real possibility they may lose their jobs. If federal funding for a program requires compliance with this law, then funding may be at risk. The consequences of this is best compared to a pebble dropped into a still pond. The immediate effect, the splash of the pebble breaking the surface, is immediate and apparent. The ripples that emanate from that central event are what make the broadest impact. The loss of a social worker from Public Health, CPS, APS, Catholic Social Service, or any of the plethora of agencies which provide services to our community from their first breath to their last puts the most vulnerable of our population at risk.

The law has sufficient safeguards to insure that those granted the exceptions and exemptions are held to the same standards and those granted a regular license. They will be required to sign a document indicating they will abide by the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers. It is my understanding they will also be required to complete the same number of continuing education credits as all other licensees. Additionally, the NASW has been working diligently with the National Office to provide full membership to as many as possible who fall into this category in order to facilitate their involvement in the profession as well as providing access to continuing education credits.

At this point, I am not concerned with the how or why it took such a long time to get a functioning Board in place. What concerns me is that the Board is given the time and the resources to do this process right and protect the populations we work with and protect the profession of social work. The 18-month extension will, I am confident, provide the Board the time to guarantee the continuing development of the profession of social work in a positive direction.

I am a professional social worker and, as a professional, it is of great importance to me that my profession be recognized and licensed with the highest standards and expectations of performance of those I call my colleagues. Please provide the Board the time they need to do this right.

Thank you.



National Association of Social Workers

May 22, 2014

Sen. Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.,

Chairman of the Committee on Health and Human Services

via email senatordrodriguez@gmail.com

Hafa Adai Senator Rodriguez,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Bill 335-32, An Act to extend the timeline for obtaining exemptions and exceptions for social work licensure, by amending subsections 122317 and 122318 of Article 23, Chapter 12, Part 2, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated.

This extension will provide the Guam Social Work Board additional time to create and disseminate the required rules and regulation to conduct their mission of getting Guam Social Workers licensed which would have otherwise expired on June 10, 2014.

NASW Guam Chapter has been in existence since 1999 on Guam and prior to that was known as Guam Social Work Association which has been in existence on or about 1980. We were the organization that advocated to ensure that this legislation become a reality for social work practice on Guam. Our island is the only jurisdiction within the United States and its territories that currently does not have licensed social work professionals, therefore, we are humbled that we are really close to achieving this milestone, not only for our professional title protection, but most importantly, this legislation provides a mechanism that will protect consumers from unethical practices of the social worker providing them services.

NASW Guam Chapter would like to thank the Guam Social Work Board for their continued hard work, dedication and commitment in their very important mission of providing licensure to our social work community.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ovita Rebanio Perez, MSW, IMFT

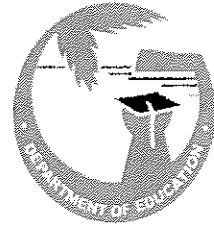
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May 21, 2014

Sen. Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., Chairman
Committee on Health and Human Services

Senator Rodriguez, Jr.,

My name is Doris D. Bukikosa and I am the Social Service Supervisor for the Department of Education: Student Support Services Division – USEd Consolidated Grant Parent Family Community Outreach Program. On behalf of the of the 11 Program Social Workers (SWs) and myself, I would like to state our support of the **Bill 332-32(LS)** - *an act to extend the timeline for obtaining exemptions and exceptions for social worker licensure, by amending §122317 and §122318 of Article 23, Chapter 12, Part 2, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, Introduced by Sen. Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.*

My Program personnel and I have been monitoring the status of appointed and approved Board Members and their inability to hold official meetings due to the lack of quorum. This issue extremely concerns us because of the current mandate to comply with certification requirements. Failure of this proposed Bill to move forward, will greatly affect our ability to provide the needed supports and services to the public school students and their families. Similarly, many other Government and Private Non-Profit Organizations are just as concerned with the possible repercussions, should this amendment not succeed. Basically, the continuation of all services would be questioned.

I truly appreciate your attention and support in the matter and hope that the Committee on Health and Human Services is just as dedicated to pursue a resolution to this issue, by passing this bill into law.


Doris D. Bukikosa



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Certification of Waiver of

Fiscal Note Requirement

This is to certify that the Committee on Rules submitted to the Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR) a request for a fiscal note, or applicable waiver, on **BILL NO. 335-32 (LS)**, "AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE, BY AMENDING §122317 AND §122318 OF ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 12, PART 2, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED." – on May 20, 2014. COR hereby certifies that BBMR confirmed receipt of this request May 20, 2014 at 3:00 P.M.

COR further certifies that a response to this request was not received. **Therefore, pursuant to 2 GCA §9105, the requirement for a fiscal note, or waiver thereof, on Bill 335-32 (LS) to be included in the committee report on said bill, is hereby waived.**

Certified by:



Senator Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

June 11, 2014

Date



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RE: Request for Fiscal Notes– Bill Nos. 331-32 (LS) through 339-32(COR)

Hafa Adai Mr. Rios:

Transmitted herewith is a listing of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan's* most recently introduced bills. Pursuant to 2 GCA §9103, I respectfully request the preparation of fiscal notes for the referenced bills.

Si Yu'os ma'åse' for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

Senator Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

Attachment (1)

Cc: Clerk of the Legislature

Bill Nos.	Sponsors	Title
331-32 (LS)	T. R. MUÑA BARNES	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 10315 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO THE ONLINE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL LICENCES ISSUED BY THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS.
332-32 (LS)	T.R. MUÑA BARNES, D. G. RODRIGUEZ, JR., A. A. YAMASHITA, PH.D, B. McCreadie, T. A. Morrison, C. M. Duenas, V. A. Ada, M. Limtiaco	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE I MAGA'LAHEN GUÁHAN TO EXCHANGE GOVERNMENT- OWNED PROPERTY IN ASINAN ORDOT- CHALAN PAGO RESERVED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR GOVERNMENT- OWNED PROPERTY IN TAMUNING OWNED BY THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST.
333-32 (LS)	Brant T. McCreadie, Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D., Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., Tommy Morrison, FRANK B. AGUON, JR., Michael T. Limtiaco, T. R. Muña Barnes, Chris M. Duenas, V. Anthony Ada Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, R. J. Respicio, T. C. Ada, Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.	AN ACT TO AMEND § 5106 (a) OF CHAPTER 5, TITLE 19 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO PROVIDING DISCRETION TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WITH REGARDS TO THE AUTOMATIC CERTIFICATION OF MINORS AS ADULTS FOR CERTAIN CRIMES, WHICH MAY BE CITED AS THE "JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM ACT OF 2014".
334-32(KS)	R. J. Respicio	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$134,250) FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BALLOT TABULATION SYSTEM, AND THE SUM OF FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$48,500) FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF BALLOT STOCK AND CODING SERVICES, TO BE UTILIZED BY THE GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION TO CONDUCT THE NOVEMBER, 2014, AND FUTURE ELECTIONS.
335-32 (LS)	D. G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.,	AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE, BY AMENDING §122317 AND §122318 OF ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 12, PART 2, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.
336-32 (LS)	D. G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.,, T. R. MUÑA BARNES	AN ACT TO EXTEND THE EXPENDITURE TIMELINE FOR THE APPROPRIATION FROM THE GUAM TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY FUND PURSUANT TO P.L. 32-053, TO DESIGNATE AND PRIORITIZE CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR FLOOD MITIGATION AND OTHER PURPOSES.

337-32 (COR)	T.C. Ada R. J. Respicio	AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 76114, 76116, AND 76124 OF CHAPTER 76, TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK MANAGEMENT FUND, CLOSURE, AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES.
338-32 (COR)	Judith T. Won Pat Ed.D., Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, T.R. Muña Barnes	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (E) TO §70105 OF CHAPTER 70 OF TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION INCLUDING FIELDS ON THE BUSINESS LISCENSE APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORMS IDENTIFYING THE GENDER, ETHNICITY, VETERAN STATUS, AND NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM CODE NUMBER OF BUSINESS OWNERS.
339-32 (COR)	Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 6B TO CHAPTER 51A OF 10 GCA, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMERCIAL RECYCLING PROGRAM.



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MEMORANDUM

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Therese M. Terlaje
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From: **Senator Rory J. Respicio**
Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

Subject: Referral of Bill No. 335-32(LS)

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 335-32(LS)**.

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all members of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse!

Attachment

I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Received
Bill Log Sheet

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES
335-32 (LS)	D. G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.,	AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE, BY AMENDING §122317 AND §122318 OF ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 12, PART 2, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.	5/8/14 4:23 p.m.	05/09/14	Committee on Health & Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development, and Senior Citizens			Fiscal Note Requested 5/20/14



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FIRST NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING on Thursday, May 22, 2014, 2pm

11 messages

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Wed, May 14, 2014 at 9:39 AM

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May 14, 2014

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

From: Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

Subject: FIRST NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING

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Individuals who may require special accomodations, please contact 649-8638/0511 no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase'!

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SECOND NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING on Thursday, May 22, 2014, 2pm

2 messages

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Sun, May 18, 2014 at 10:30 AM

May 18, 2014

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

From: Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

Subject: SECOND NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING Bill 335-32(LS)

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SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

AGENDA

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Public Hearing Room, *I Liheslatura*

I. Call to Order

II. Items for Public Consideration

- **Bill 335-32(LS) - An act to extend the timeline for obtaining exemptions and exceptions for social worker licensure, by amending §122317 and §122318 of Article 23, Chapter 12, Part 2, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated. Introduced by Sen. Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.**

III. Adjournment

Testimonies may be addressed to Sen. Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. and sent or to 155 Hesler St. Hagatna, Guam, the Guam Legislature's Mailroom, or via email at senatordrodriguez@gmail.com.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for your participation in today's hearings and discussions!



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RE: Request for Fiscal Notes– Bill Nos. 331-32 (LS) through 339-32(COR)

Hafa Adai Mr. Rios:

Transmitted herewith is a listing of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan's* most recently introduced bills. Pursuant to 2 GCA §9103, I respectfully request the preparation of fiscal notes for the referenced bills.

Si Yu'os ma'åse' for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

Senator Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

Attachment (1)

Cc: Clerk of the Legislature

Bill Nos.	Sponsors	Title
331-32 (LS)	T. R. MUÑA BARNES	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 10315 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO THE ONLINE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL LICENCES ISSUED BY THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS.
332-32 (LS)	T.R. MUÑA BARNES, D. G. RODRIGUEZ, JR., A. A. YAMASHITA, PH.D, B. McCreadie, T. A. Morrison, C. M. Duenas, V. A. Ada, M. Lintiacó	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN TO EXCHANGE GOVERNMENT- OWNED PROPERTY IN ASINAN ORDOT- CHALAN PAGO RESERVED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR GOVERNMENT- OWNED PROPERTY IN TAMUNING OWNED BY THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST.
333-32 (LS)	Brant T. McCreadie, Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D., Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., Tommy Morrison, FRANK B. AGUON, JR., Michael T. Lintiacó, T. R. Muña Barnes, Chris M. Duenas, V. Anthony Ada Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, R. J. Respicio, T. C. Ada, Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.	AN ACT TO AMEND § 5106 (a) OF CHAPTER 5, TITLE 19 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO PROVIDING DISCRETION TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WITH REGARDS TO THE AUTOMATIC CERTIFICATION OF MINORS AS ADULTS FOR CERTAIN CRIMES, WHICH MAY BE CITED AS THE “JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM ACT OF 2014”.
334-32(KS)	R. J. Respicio	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$134,250) FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BALLOT TABULATION SYSTEM, AND THE SUM OF FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$48,500) FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF BALLOT STOCK AND CODING SERVICES, TO BE UTILIZED BY THE GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION TO CONDUCT THE NOVEMBER, 2014, AND FUTURE ELECTIONS.
335-32 (LS)	D. G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.,	AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE, BY AMENDING §122317 AND §122318 OF ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 12, PART 2, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.
336-32 (LS)	D. G. RODRIGUEZ, JR., T. R. MUÑA BARNES	AN ACT TO EXTEND THE EXPENDITURE TIMELINE FOR THE APPROPRIATION FROM THE GUAM TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY FUND PURSUANT TO P.L. 32-053, TO DESIGNATE AND PRIORITIZE CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR FLOOD MITIGATION AND OTHER PURPOSES.

<p>337-32 (COR)</p>	<p>T.C. Ada R. J. Respicio</p>	<p>AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 76114, 76116, AND 76124 OF CHAPTER 76, TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK MANAGEMENT FUND, CLOSURE, AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES.</p>
<p>338-32 (COR)</p>	<p>Judith T. Won Pat Ed.D., Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, T.R. Muña Barnes</p>	<p>AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (E) TO §70105 OF CHAPTER 70 OF TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION INCLUDING FIELDS ON THE BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORMS IDENTIFYING THE GENDER, ETHNICITY, VETERAN STATUS, AND NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM CODE NUMBER OF BUSINESS OWNERS.</p>
<p>339-32 (COR)</p>	<p>Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D</p>	<p>AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 6B TO CHAPTER 51A OF 10 GCA, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMERCIAL RECYCLING PROGRAM.</p>



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From: Senator Rory J. Respicio
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Subject: Referral of Bill No. 335-32(LS)

Vice-Speaker
Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Member

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 335-32(LS)**.

Legislative Secretary
Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Member

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all members of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Senator
Frank Blas Aguon, Jr.
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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

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MINA' TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 336 -32 (65)

Introduced by:

D.G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. 

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE, BY AMENDING §122317 AND §122318 OF ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 12, PART 2, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent: *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the members of the Guam Board of social Work require additional time to promulgate the requisite rules and regulation, as authorized pursuant to §122312 of Guam Social Work Practice Act, as enacted on Dec 10, 2012. However, the members of the Board were only recently nominated and confirmed in early 2014.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that the statutory timelines by which existing, currently practicing social workers may obtain either *exemptions* or *exceptions* necessary for the renewal of their licenses will expire on June 10, 2014. This will effectively result in the inability of over two hundred (200) social workers from continuing their practice in the allied healthcare workforce. It will likewise negatively impact the thousands of clients requiring their services.

It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to accommodate the Guam Board of Social Work by extending the date by current social workers may obtain exemptions or exceptions for the renewal of their licenses, and to provide time during which they may promulgate their rules and regulations, as well as develop

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1 the requisite applications and forms required to conduct the business of the
2 program.

3 **Section 2.** The first paragraph of §122317 of Article 23, Chapter 12, Part 2,
4 Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *AMENDED* to read:

5 **“§ 122317. Exemptions.** Exemptions may be granted to non-social work
6 degree holders who are employed with the job title “social worker” or any
7 derivative thereof. Those granted a Certificate of Exemption by the Board would
8 be allowed to remain in their social work positions without a social work license.
9 Persons may apply for a Certificate of Exemption by December 10, 2015 or within
10 eighteen (18) months of the date of the enactment of this Act, whichever is later.
11 After the eighteen (18) months period has expired, no person shall be granted a
12 Certificate of Exemption. The Certificate of Exemption shall be effective
13 indefinitely the course of the person’s professional career.”

14 **Section 3.** §122318 - Exceptions, of Article 23, Chapter 12, Part 2, Title 10,
15 Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *AMENDED* to read:

16 **“§ 122318. Exceptions.** An exception is granted to any person meeting the
17 following conditions:

18 (a) a person who is employed or has retired with the job title “social
19 worker” or any derivative thereof and possesses a Bachelor’s, Master’s, or Ph.D.
20 degree in the field of social work from an accredited or unaccredited social work
21 degree program as of the date of passage of this law. Those granted exceptions
22 must obtain a social work license by December 10, 2015, or within eighteen (18)
23 months of the date of the enactment of this Act, whichever is later;

1 (b) a person who self-identifies as a social worker and possesses a
2 Bachelor's, Master's, or Ph.D. degree in the field of social work from an accredited
3 or unaccredited social work degree program upon enactment of this Act. Those
4 granted exceptions must obtain a social work license by December 10, 2015, or
5 within eighteen (18) months of the date of the enactment of this Act, whichever is
6 later; and

7 (c) a person who possess a non-social work degree, but possesses a degree
8 in a related social science, to include degrees such as psychology, sociology,
9 counseling, human relations and human services, political science, criminal justice,
10 and any other degrees as approved by the Board; and who self-identifies as a social
11 worker may apply for an exception to obtain social work licensure meeting the
12 following requirements:

13 (1) provide a written request for exception from licensure
14 requirements to the Board;

15 (2) provide a written declaration that they are individuals in good
16 standing based on satisfactory employment performance evaluations and
17 with no ethical complaints in the course of their employment with the job
18 title "social worker";

19 (3) sign a declaration statement that they will abide by the National
20 Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics;

21 (4) submit three (3) letters of verification; one (1) from their current
22 employer acknowledging that he/she is an individual in good standing, and
23 is highly recommended for employment with the job title, "social worker";
24 and

25 (5) obtain fifty (50) continuing education units (CEU) or certified
26 training contact hours approved by the Social Work Board in the field of

1 social work to include the following: the application of social work theory,
2 knowledge, methods, ethics, and the professional use of self to restore or
3 enhance social, psychosocial, or bio-psychosocial functioning of individuals,
4 couples, families, groups, organizations, and communities; and training in
5 the social work Generalist Practice Model that includes assessment,
6 planning, intervention, evaluation, case management, information and
7 referral, counseling, supervision, consultation, education, advocacy,
8 community organization, and the development, implementation, and
9 administration of policies, programs, and activities. The fifty (50) CEUs or
10 certified training contact hours shall have no time or date limitations.

11 (d) All persons qualified for exceptions do not need to take the appropriate
12 licensure examination, but must conform to all other requirements consistent with
13 the appropriate level of licensure as prescribed in the law. Exceptions may only
14 be granted by the Board up until December 10, 2015, or within eighteen (18)
15 months of the date of the enactment of this Act, whichever is later.”

16 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall become immediately effective
17 upon enactment.