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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Speaker  
Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan  
155 Hessler Street  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is 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" which was signed into law on April 17, 2009 as **Public Law 30-17**.

Sinseru yan Magåhet,

MICHAEL W. CRUZ, M.D.  
I Maga'låhen Guåhan para pa'go  
Acting Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy of Bill

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Office of the Speaker  
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.  
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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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2009, duly and regularly passed.

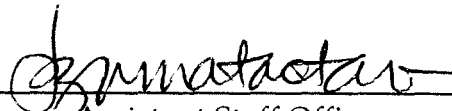


Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.  
Speaker

Attested:

  
Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* this 6 day of April, 2009, at  
4:45 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'laha*'s Office

APPROVED:



MIKE W. CRUZ, MD -  
GOVERNOR OF GUAM ACTING

Date: 17 APR 2009

Public Law No. 30-17

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

**Bill No. 72 (LS)**

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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**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.**

1           **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  
3 Annotated be amended to reflect contemporary training, policy and practice.

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

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

8 **“§81103. Chief Medical Examiner.** The Chief Medical  
9 Examiner *shall* be named by the Commission to serve for such term  
10 and at such salary as the Commission may fix. He may as part of his  
11 duties teach medical *or* law school classes, conduct special classes for  
12 police investigators, and engage in other activities related to the work  
13 of his office to such extent and on such terms as may be authorized by  
14 the Commission. Similar authorizations may be given by the  
15 Commission to other members of the staff. He *shall* serve as  
16 Secretary to the Commission.”

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

20 **“§81103.1. Minimum Qualifications for Chief Medical Examiner.**  
21 The Chief Medical Examiner *shall* be a citizen, a permanent resident of the  
22 United States, *or* a person whose immigration status with the U.S.  
23 Immigration legally allows him to work in the United States, and a physician  
24 licensed to practice his profession in Guam. He must have current  
25 certification in Forensic Pathology by the American Board of Pathology *or*  
26 the American Osteopathic Board of Pathology *or* their successors.”