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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. 191-30(COR) "AN ACT TO INCLUDE ALL GRADUATES UNDER THE PEDRO "DOC" SANCHEZ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO RECEIVE THE ONE-STEP MERIT PAY INCREASE BENEFIT, BY AMENDING SUBSECTION (e) OF §15906, ARTICLE 9, CHAPTER 15, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED" which I signed into law on November 27, 2009 as **Public Law 30-67**.

Sinseru yan Magåhet,

FELIX P. CAMACHO I Maga'låhen Guåhan

Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy of Bill

30-09-1422

## 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 Substitute Bill No. 191-30 (COR), "AN ACT TO ALLOW ALL GRADUATES UNDER THE PEDRO "DOC" SANCHEZ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO RECEIVE THE ONE-STEP MERIT PAY INCREASE BENEFIT, BY AMENDING SUBSECTION (e) OF §15906, ARTICLE 9, CHAPTER 15, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED," was on the 13th day of November, 2009, duly and regularly passed.

Acting Speaker

FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'lahen Guåhan

Date: **37 Not 2009** 

Public Law No. <u>30-67</u>

### I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURÂN GUÂHAN 2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 191-30 (COR)

As substituted by the Committee on Education, and amended.

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO ALLOW ALL GRADUATES UNDER THE PEDRO "DOC" SANCHEZ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO RECEIVE THE ONE-STEP MERIT PAY INCREASE BENEFIT, BY AMENDING SUBSECTION (e) OF §15906, ARTICLE 9, CHAPTER 15, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that Public Law 29-137 was passed into law to reinstate the one-step merit pay

increase to those grantees that successfully complete the graduation requirements
 of the Pedro "Doc" Sanchez Scholarship Program.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that Public Law 23-111, enacted on July 26, 1996, broadened the scope of the program to allow participants to enroll in any other undergraduate degree program offered at the School of Business and Public Administration, as long as they minored in Public Administration.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that provisions and benefits of the Pedro "Doc" Sanchez Program should equally apply to persons who may have enrolled in any other undergraduate degree program offered at the School of Business and Public Administration, who also minor in Public Administration.

It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to ensure that the program participants who successfully meet all graduation requirements in any other undergraduate degree program offered at the School of Business and Public Administration, and who also minor in Public Administration, receive a one (1)-step merit pay increase.

**Section 2.** Subsection (e) of §15906, Article 9, Chapter 15, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

"(e) Upon the effective date of this Act, the grantee will be eligible for a mandatory pay merit increase upon graduation. The grantees entered into the program, as evidenced with the awarding of an undergraduate or graduate degree in Public Administration or Business Administration by the University of Guam, or in any other undergraduate degree program offered at the School of Business and Public Administration and who minor in Public Administration, shall be entitled to receive a one (1)-step merit pay raise from the department, agency, office, autonomous or semi-autonomous instrumentality of the government of Guam or the Judiciary in which he or

she is employed effective FY2008 following official certification by the University of Guam that the grantee has completed all degree requirements.

Government Employees who were enrolled in the Pedro "Doc" Sanchez Scholarship Program and graduated with a degree between the enactment of Public Law 23-111 and the enactment of this Section who would otherwise have received the one (1)-step merit pay raise, *shall* be entitled to the same incentive benefit, provided that the employee is an active employee at the time of enactment of this Section and the merit pay increase *shall not* be retroactive. Awarding of the one (1)-step merit pay raise *shall* be subject to the availability of funds."

**Section 3. Effective Date.** The provisions of this Law *shall* retroactively apply to enrollees *prior* to December 31, 2009.