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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. 463-30 (COR): "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT §34152 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 34, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DISBURSING CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS" which was signed into law on December 13, 2010 as **Public Law 30-214**.

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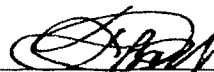
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I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

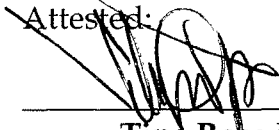
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that **Bill No. 463-30 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT §34152 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 34, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DISBURSING CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS", was on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2010, duly and regularly passed.



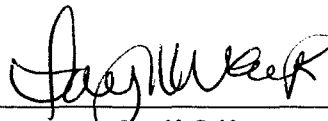
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.  
Speaker

Attested:



Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* this 1st day of DEC, 2010, at 1100 o'clock A.M.



Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'lahi's Office*

APPROVED:



FELIX P. CAMACHO  
*I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*

Date:

13 Dec. 2010

Public Law No. P.L. 30-214

***I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2010 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 463-30 (COR)**

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT §34152 OF  
ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 34, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE  
ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DISBURSING CHILD  
SUPPORT PAYMENTS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS.**

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

2           **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that Section 454B of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 654b] requires a State  
4 agency, including Guam, to use automated procedures, electronic processes and  
5 computer-driven technology to the maximum extent feasible, efficient, and  
6 economical, for the collection and disbursement of support payments, including

1 procedures to ensure prompt disbursement of the custodial parent’s share of any  
2 payments.

3 Direct deposit programs allow Guam’s State Disbursement Unit to deposit  
4 child support payments directly into an account designated by a custodial parent.  
5 This eliminates the public expense of issuing paper checks, as well as the delay and  
6 risk associated with the mailing and delivery of paper checks. As such, it is in the  
7 best interest of the children of our island and their caretakers that a direct deposit  
8 program be made mandatory.

9 **Section 2.** §34152 of Article 1, Chapter 34, Division 3 of Title 5 of the  
10 Guam Code Annotated is hereby *repealed* and *reenacted* to read as follows:

11 **“§34152. Guam State Disbursement Unit.** The Child Support  
12 Enforcement Division [CSED] of the Office of the Attorney General is  
13 designated as Guam’s State Disbursement Unit [SDU]. The SDU *shall* use  
14 automated procedures for the collection and disbursement of child support  
15 payments.

16 (a) Guam’s SDU *shall* remit child support payments via electronic  
17 benefit transfer system *or* by direct deposit to an account designated by a  
18 custodial parent or other obligee. *If no* account is designated, the Deputy of  
19 the Child Support Enforcement Division, or the Deputy’s designee, *shall*  
20 inform the SDU which method to use.

21 (b) Exceptions.

22 (1) Hardship. *If* payment by electronic means causes  
23 hardship, a custodial parent or obligee may request a hardship  
24 exception to be approved by the Deputy of the Child Support  
25 Enforcement Division or the Deputy’s designee. Such request must  
26 be in writing and include documentation that supports the request.  
27 The Deputy will consider the individual’s needs and, *if* appropriate,

1 will inform SDU to make the requestor's payments by paper check.  
2 The Deputy will review exceptions periodically.

3 (2) Intra-Governmental Payments. Payments to the  
4 Department of Public Health and Social Services will continue by  
5 paper check until electronic payments become a feasible option.

6 (3) Other Good Cause. Where payments on an account are  
7 so infrequent that electronic means is impracticable, or other good  
8 cause exists, the Deputy of the Child Support Enforcement Division  
9 or the Deputy's designee, may direct the SDU to continue payment by  
10 paper check."

11 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* be effective upon its enactment.