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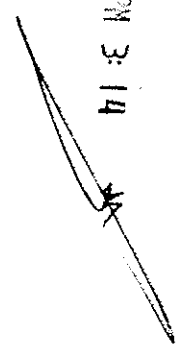
Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 335-32 (COR) "AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 122317 AND 122318 OF ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 12, PART 2, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE" which I signed into law on June 24, 2014 as Public Law 32-167.

Senseramente,


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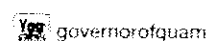
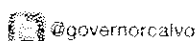
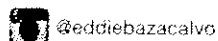
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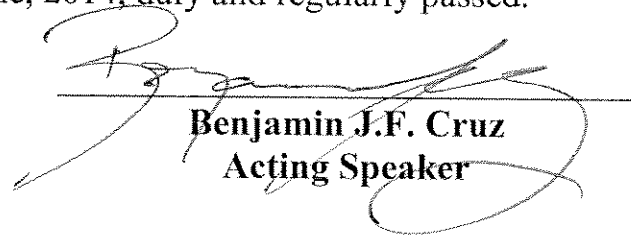
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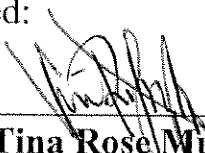
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2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

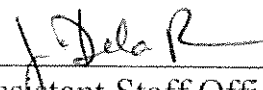
This is to certify that Bill No. 335-32 (COR), "AN ACT TO *AMEND* §§ 122317 AND 122318 OF ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 12, PART 2, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE," was on the 16th day of June, 2014, duly and regularly passed.


Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Acting Speaker

Attested:


Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* this 17th day of June,
2014, at 2:15 o'clock P.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahaen's Office

APPROVED:


EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan

Date: JUN 24 2014

Public Law No. 32-167

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

Bill No. 335-32 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

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

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
5 of the Guam Social Work Practice Act, which was enacted on December 10, 2012.

1 However, the members of the Board were only recently nominated and confirmed
2 in early 2014.

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

9 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to accommodate the Guam Board of
10 Social Work by extending the date by which current social workers may obtain
11 exemptions or exceptions for the renewal of their licenses; and to provide them
12 time during which they may promulgate their rules and regulations, as well as
13 develop the requisite applications and forms required to conduct the business of the
14 program.

15 **Section 2.** The first paragraph of § 122317 of Article 23, Chapter 12, Part
16 2, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

17 “§ 122317. **Exemptions.** Exemptions may be granted to non-social
18 work degree holders who are employed with the job title “social worker” or
19 any derivative thereof. Those granted a Certificate of Exemption by the
20 Board would be allowed to remain in their social work positions without a
21 social work license. Persons may apply for a Certificate of Exemption by
22 December 10, 2015, or within eighteen (18) months of the date of the
23 enactment of this Act, whichever is later. After December 10, 2015, no
24 person shall be granted a Certificate of Exemption. The Certificate of
25 Exemption *shall* be effective indefinitely throughout the course of the
26 person’s professional career.”

1 **Section 3.** § 122318 of Article 23, Chapter 12, Part 2, Title 10, Guam
2 Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

3 “§ 122318. **Exceptions.** An exception is granted to any person
4 meeting the following conditions:

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

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

19 (c) a person who possesses a non-social work degree, but
20 possesses a degree in a related social science, to include degrees such
21 as psychology, sociology, counseling, human relations and human
22 services, political science, criminal justice, and any other degrees as
23 approved by the Board; and who self-identifies as a social worker may
24 apply for an exception to obtain social work licensure meeting the
25 following requirements:

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

1 (2) provide a written declaration that they are
2 individuals in good standing based on satisfactory employment
3 performance evaluations and with no ethical complaints in the
4 course of their employment with the job title “social worker”;

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

7 (4) submit three (3) letters of verification; one (1)
8 from their current employer acknowledging that he/she is an
9 individual in good standing, and is highly recommended for
10 employment with the job title, “social worker”; and

11 (5) obtain fifty (50) continuing education units (CEU)
12 or certified training contact hours approved by the Social Work
13 Board in the field of social work to include the following: the
14 application of social work theory, knowledge, methods, ethics,
15 and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social,
16 psychosocial, or bio-psychosocial functioning of individuals,
17 couples, families, groups, organizations, and communities; and
18 training in the social work Generalist Practice Model that
19 includes assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, case
20 management, information and referral, counseling, supervision,
21 consultation, education, advocacy, community organization,
22 and the development, implementation, and administration of
23 policies, programs, and activities. The fifty (50) CEUs or
24 certified training contact hours *shall* have *no* time or date
25 limitations.

26 (d) All persons qualified for exceptions *do not* need to take
27 the appropriate licensure examination, but must conform to all other

1 requirements consistent with the appropriate level of licensure as
2 prescribed in the law. Exceptions may *only* be granted by the Board
3 up until December 10, 2015, or within eighteen (18) months of the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, whichever is later.”

5 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* become effective upon
6 enactment.