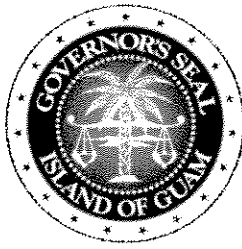


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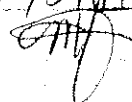
Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 61-33 (COR) "AN ACT TO AMEND § 28105 OF ARTICLE 1, § 28201(a)(2)(A) OF ARTICLE 2, §28301 (a) OF ARTICLE 3, AND §§28401(b) AND 28404 OF ARTICLE 4, ALL OF CHAPTER 28, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO ALLOWING QUALIFIED NON-IMMIGRANT ALIENS ADMITTED INTO GUAM UNDER THE COMPACTS OF FREE ASSOCIATION TO PARTICIPATE IN STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION" which I signed into law on June 10, 2015, as **Public Law 33-38**.

*Senseramente,*

  
EDDIE BAZA CALVO

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2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Bill No. 61-33 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §28105 OF ARTICLE 1, §28201(a)(2)(A) OF ARTICLE 2, §28301 (a) OF ARTICLE 3, AND §§28401(b) AND 28404 OF ARTICLE 4, ALL OF CHAPTER 28, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO ALLOWING QUALIFIED NON-IMMIGRANT ALIENS ADMITTED INTO GUAM UNDER THE COMPACTS OF FREE ASSOCIATION TO PARTICIPATE IN STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION," was on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015, duly and regularly passed.

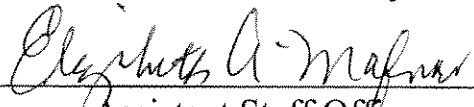


Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Speaker

Attested:

  
Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* this 15 day of June,  
2015, at 5:20 o'clock P.M.

  
Elizabeth A. Mafnas  
Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'lahaen's Office*

APPROVED:

  
EDWARD J.B. CALVO  
*I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*

Date: JUN 10 2015

Public Law No. 33-38

*I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
**2015 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 61-33 (COR)**

As amended by the Committee on Higher Education,  
Culture, Public Libraries and Women's Affairs;  
and further amended on the Floor.

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**AN ACT TO AMEND §28105 OF ARTICLE 1,  
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CHAPTER 28, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,  
RELATIVE TO ALLOWING QUALIFIED NON-  
IMMIGRANT ALIENS ADMITTED INTO GUAM  
UNDER THE COMPACTS OF FREE ASSOCIATION TO  
PARTICIPATE IN STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAMS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.**

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

2 **Section 1.** This Act may be cited as the “Equal Opportunity in Higher  
3 Education Act of 2015.”

1       **Section 2.** § 28105 of Article 1 (Administration), Chapter 28, Title 17, Guam  
2 Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

3               “§ 28105.   **Application Forms and Notices.**

4               The Board *shall* prescribe by regulation necessary application forms and  
5 procedures for all awards pursuant to this Chapter. The Board *shall* give notice to  
6 the community in all Guam public and private high schools, the Guam  
7 Community College, the University of Guam, in a newspaper of general  
8 circulation and the electronic media, and other appropriate places, at least once  
9 before the acceptance period is to commence, on the availability of all awards.  
10 Such notice *shall* be posted and sent by the Board annually in a timely manner to  
11 permit interested students, who *shall* be residents of Guam and citizens of the  
12 United States of America, a permanent resident alien, or a non-immigrant alien  
13 admitted into Guam under the Compacts of Free Association between the United  
14 States and the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall  
15 Islands, and the Republic of Palau, an opportunity to apply for the awards granted  
16 by this Chapter.”

17       **Section 3.** § 28201(a)(2)(A) of Article 2 (Merit Awards to the University of  
18 Guam), Chapter 28, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

19               “(2) All awards *shall* be subject to the following limitations: A recipient  
20 must be:

21               (A) a United States citizen, a permanent resident alien, or a non-  
22 immigrant alien admitted into Guam under the Compacts of Free  
23 Association between the United States and the Federated States of  
24 Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of  
25 Palau, who has completed a minimum of three (3) but no more than four  
26 (4) academic years, and meets all academic credit requirements for

1 graduation during attendance in a public, non-public, or DODEA high  
2 school on Guam; and”

3 **Section 4.** § 28301(a) of Article 3 (Jesus U. Torres Professional and Technical  
4 Awards), Chapter 28, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

5 “(a) The applicant must be a bona fide resident of Guam for a period of  
6 *not less than* ten (10) years prior to application, and a United States citizen, a  
7 permanent resident alien, or a non-immigrant alien admitted into Guam under the  
8 Compacts of Free Association between the United States and the Federated States  
9 of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau,  
10 and must have achieved an overall grade point average of 3.0 in undergraduate  
11 studies if pursuing a master’s degree or a professional degree, or a 3.33 grade  
12 point average in a master’s degree or professional degree program if pursuing a  
13 doctoral degree or an irrevocable letter of acceptance from a U.S. accredited  
14 institution, as recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation  
15 (CHEA), or its successors, or an irrevocable letter of acceptance from a foreign  
16 medical school, as listed in the World Health Organization (WHO) listing of  
17 medical schools, which was approved by the Board of Medical Examiners, or the  
18 Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical  
19 Association, or by a private non-profit accrediting body approved by the Guam  
20 Board of Medical Examiners.”

21 **Section 5.** § 28401(b) of Article 4 (Access to Higher Education Financial  
22 Assistance Program), Chapter 28, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended*  
23 to read:

24 “(b) the applicant must be a United States citizen, a permanent resident  
25 alien, or a non-immigrant alien admitted into Guam under the Compacts of Free  
26 Association between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia,  
27 the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau, who has been a

1 resident of Guam for a continuous period of *not less than* four (4) years  
2 immediately preceding June 15 of the year the award is to be given, and must *not*  
3 be incarcerated;”

4 **Section 6.** § 28404 of Article 4 (Access to Higher Education Financial  
5 Assistance Program), Chapter 28, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended*  
6 to read:

7 **“§ 28404. Programs for Teachers, Nurses, and Other Specialized**  
8 **Awards.**

9 The Board *shall* continue to award programs identified in 17 GCA Chapter  
10 15, specifically, Article 9 (Doc Sanchez Scholarships), Article 10 (Nursing  
11 Training), Article 13 (the Doctor Antonio C. Yamashita Teacher Corps), and  
12 Article 14 (the Every Child is Entitled to a Higher Education Scholarship  
13 Program), consistent with rules and regulations promulgated by the Board as  
14 authorized by this Chapter. The rules and regulations for programs authorized  
15 under this Section must contain provisions for repayment of benefits and service  
16 credit. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, or regulation, no such  
17 program shall refuse an award to an otherwise qualified non-immigrant alien  
18 admitted into Guam under the Compacts of Free Association between the United  
19 States and the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall  
20 Islands, and the Republic of Palau.”