TWELFTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 1974 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Bill No. 691, "An Act to authorize a study to establish an equitable compensation scheme for government of Guam employees and to authorize an appropriation therefor", was on the 28th day of August, 1974, duly and regularly passed.

August, 1974, duly and regularly passed. T. RAMIREZ Speaker ATTESTED: G. M. BAMBA Legislative Secretary This Act was received by the Governor this 54 of September, 1974 at 2:00 o'clock P /s/ RICHARD D. MAGEE RICHARD D. MAGEE, Acting Attorney General of Guam APPROVED: CARLOS G. CAMACHO Governor of Guam DATED:

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Bill No. 691 Substitute Bill by the Committee on General Governmental Operations

Introduced by

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AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A STUDY TO ESTABLISH AN EQUITABLE COMPENSATION SCHEME FOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EMPLOYEES AND TO AUTHORIZE AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, the cost of living on Guam has increased substantially during recent months, with the result that many persons simply cannot maintain their accustomed standard of living; and

WHEREAS, the compensation system of the government of Guam has developed certain inequities, including disparities in salaries between similar positions with autonomous agencies and non-autonomous departments; and

WHEREAS, the existing government pay range schedule is in chaotic condition due to the many previous efforts to bring particular salaries to certain levels, an example of which is the recent \$1300 increase in annual salaries enacted by the Legislature which does not apply to unclassified employees who are nonetheless not immune to the devastating effects of inflation; and

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WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Legislature to identify 1 2 and rectify inequities presently existing in the pay range schedule and to establish a sound compensation system under 3 which it will be possible to attract and retain competent 5 personnel; now therefore 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM: Section 1. The Civil Service Commission is hereby directed 8 to prepare a compensation plan for the classified employees of the government of Guam, and the Bureau of Budget and Management 9 10 Research is hereby directed to prepare such a plan for the 11 unclassified employees thereof, such plans to be prepared 12 giving careful consideration to at least the following factors: 13 (1) The general economic condition of Guam; (2) Conditions of the labor market; 14 15 (3) The appropriate cost-of-living index; 16 (4) The minimum standard of living which is compatible 17 with decency and health; and 18 (5) Inequities which may presently exist in the 19 compensation of employees who are occupying 20 identical or similar positions within the 21 government of Guam. 22 The Civil Service Commission and the Bureau of Budget and 23 Management Research are hereby authorized to conduct the 24 necessary and appropriate studies so that the above-mentioned 25 compensation plans, reflecting their consideration of the 26 . above-mentioned factors, will be ready for submission, and 27 for approval thereof, to the Legislature no later than March 28 1, 1975. Such plans may, in the discretion of the Commission 29 or Bureau as the case may be, include in their provisions an 30 automatic escalator clause based on the appropriate cost-of-

living index. The Commission or Bureau, as the case may be, may

enter into cooperative arrangements with other public and

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private agencies in the conduct of such study.

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Section 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated from any available funds in the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) for the purpose outlines in Section 1 above.

Section 3. Notwithstanding any provisions of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the study set forth in Section 1 shall not commence until an appropriation is made therefor.