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This is to certify that Bill No. 863, "An Act to amend Subsections (b) and (c) of Section 4212, Subsections (b), (c) and (d) of Section 4217.1, and Item 2 of Subsection (a) of Section 4217.1, all of the Government Code of Guam, and to add a new Subsection (d) to said Section 4212, to enlarge the automatic increases in government of Guam disability and survivor annuities, and to increase the basic annuity for minor children of deceased government employees; and for other purposes relative to amending the Retirement Law", was on the 27th day of September, 1974, duly and regularly passed.

F. T. RAMIREZ
Speaker

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| This Act was re | eceived by | the Govern | nor this | Brd | day |
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/s/ KEITH L ANDREWS

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Attorney General of Guam

APPROVED:

CARLOS G. CAMACHO
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Bill No. 863 Substitute Bill by Committee on General Governmental Operations

Introduced by
A. L. Cristobal

AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTIONS (b) AND (c) OF SECTION 4212, SUBSECTIONS (b), (c) AND (d) OF SECTION 4217.1, AND ITEM 2 OF SUB-SECTION (a) OF SECTION 4217.1, ALL OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF GUAM, AND TO ADD NEW SUBSECTION (d) TO SAID SECTION 4212, TO ENLARGE THE AUTOMATIC INCREASES IN GOVERN-MENT OF GUAM DISABILITY AND SURVIVOR ANNUITIES, AND TO INCREASE THE BASIC ANNUITY FOR MINOR CHILDREN OF DECEASED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE RETIREMENT LAW.

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

Section 1. Subsections (b) and (c) of Section 4212 of the Government Code of Guam are hereby repealed and reenacted and a new Subsection (d) is hereby added to said section, all to read as follows:

- "(b) Effective December 1, 1974, any member who retires from service and is entitled to receive disability retirement benefits after December 1, 1972, shall receive each year on the anniversary date of his retirement or entitlement, an automatic increase in his annual annuity, to be computed as follows:
 - 1. Disability annuitants receiving an annual annuity of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) or less shall receive an automatic annual increase of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500);
 - 2. Disability annuitants receiving an annual annuity of more than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000), but not more than Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) shall receive an automatic annual increase of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300);

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3. Disability annuitants receiving an annual 1 annuity of more than Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) 3 but not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) shall receive an automatic annual increase of Two 4 Hundred Dollars (\$200); and 6 4. Disability annuitants receiving an annual 7 annuity of more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), 8 shall receive an automatic annual increase of One 9 Hundred Dollars (\$100). (c) Any disability annuitant who had his annuity 10 recomputed as of December 1, 1972, shall receive an auto-11 12 matic increase in his annual annuity as computed in Subsection (b) of this section, on December 1, 1974, and 13 14 each year thereafter. 15 (d) Any disability annuitant who received less than 16 Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) salary during his employ-17 ment shall have his annuity recomputed at Six Thousand 18 Dollars (\$6,000.00) minimum basic salary effective 19 November 30, 1974 and have his annuity increased annually as computed in Subsection (b) of this section." 20 21 Section 2. Subsections (b), (c) and (d) of Section 4217.1 22 of the Government Code of Guam are hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 23 24 "(b) Automatic increases in annuity. Effective 25 September 1, 1974, any survivor annuitant who first becomes 26 entitled to receive benefits after September 1, 1972, 27 shall receive, each year on the anniversary daté of his 28 retirement or entitlement, an automatic increase in his 29 annual annuity, to be computed as follows: 30 1. Survivor annuitants receiving an annual 31 annuity of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) or less 32 shall receive an automatic annual increase of Five 33 Hundred Dollars (\$500);

- 2. Survivor annuitants receiving an annual annuity of more than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) but not more than Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000), shall receive an automatic annual increase of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300);
- 3. Survivor annuitants receiving an annual annuity of more than Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) but not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), shall receive an automatic annual increase of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200); and
- 4. Survivor annuitants receiving an annual annuity of more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), shall receive an automatic annual increase of One Hundred Dollars (\$100).
- (c) Recomputation of annuities. Any person receiving a survivor annuity prior to August 31, 1974, shall have his basic annuity recomputed based upon the formula set forth in Subsections 4203(j), 4211(a)(1) and (2), 4212(d), and 4217.1(a)(1) and (b).
- (d) Automatic increases in recomputed annuities. Any survivor annuitant who has had his or her basic annuity recomputed and established pursuant to Subsection (c) of this section shall on September 1, 1974, and each year thereafter receive an automatic increase in his annual annuity as computed in Subsection (b) of this section."

 Section 3. Item 2 of Subsection (a) of Section 4217.1 of the Government Code of Guam is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - "2. Children. The basic annual annuity shall be One Thousand Eighty Dollars (\$1,080) per year for a minor child up to eighteen (18) years of age. The total basic annual annuity for children shall not, in any case,

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exceed Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty Dollars (\$3,240)
per year for three (3) or more minor children."

Section 4. Section 4207(b) of the Government Code of Guam is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b) Subsequent service. An employee shall be allowed credit for any active service in the Armed Forces of the United States subsequent to May 1, 1951, not to exceed five (5) years, provided the employee shall not be receiving a pension or annuity, other than a disability pension or annuity, from the United States Government on account of such service; and provided further, that if the employee entered the Armed Forces while employed by the government of Guam and re-enters its employ within the period of one (1) year following his discharge from said Armed Forces under conditions other than dishonorable, or, if upon said discharge, completes his education under the provisions of the various Acts of Congress extending educational benefits to veterans and re-enters its employ within six (6) months after completing such education, such employee may obtain said retirement credit (not to exceed five (5) years) without making contribution to the Fund. If the employee was not employed by the government of Guam upon entering the Armed Forces he may obtain said retirement credit (not to exceed three (3) years) only upon making payment to the Fund of two (2) times the appropriate member contribution based on the period of credit sought to be obtained and the average salary paid to the employee by the Armed Forces during that period ending with the termination of his military service which is equal to the period of credit sought to be obtained. For purposes of this section, salary means (1) basic pay and (2) any special pay which was taxable under federal income tax law."

Section 5. Section 4207.8 of the Government Code of Guam is hereby amended to read as follows:

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"Section 4207.8. Credit for subsequent civil service. Any person who was a member of the Civil Service of the United States of America after May 1, 1951 and who was subsequently employed by the government of Guam, shall be entitled to credit for services rendered the United States Government after that date, not to exceed five (5) years. In the case of any such person who was a member of the Retirement Fund of the United States Government, credit shall be granted only when he (1) definitely and finally terminates his membership in such fund; (2) definitely and finally renounces any future benefits due him thereunder; (3) receives a refund of his accumulated contributions therefrom; and (4) make a payment to the Fund of the equivalent of the amount paid to the Federal fund by him and his employer during the last five (5) years of his employment in the Civil Service or during the period ending with the termination of said employment which is equivalent to the period for which he seeks credit if less than five (5) years, including regular interest from the date of such termination to the date of payment."

Section 6. Section 4207.9 of the Government Code of Guam is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 4207.9. Credit for education. Any bona fide resident of Guam, who receives his graduate or undergraduate degree from an accredited institution and is employed by the government of Guam within one (1) year after obtaining such degree, may claim retirement credit equal to the period of time, including vacations, which a full-time student would normally take to complete the program leading to the degree he received, or any lesser

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period he may elect to claim, by paying to the Fund the appropriate member's and employer's shares based on the period of credit sought to be obtained and his salary when he begins employment with the government of Guam; provided, however, that this section shall apply only to those persons who received their degrees after June 1, 1950."

Section 7. A new Section 4209.3 is hereby added to the Government Code of Guam to read as follows:

"Section 4209.3. Prohibition against double credit for same period of time. Should a member, for a specific period of time, be entitled to more than one of the types of credit authorized by this Chapter, he shall be allowed to obtain for said period of time only one type of credit, according to his election."

Section 8. The first paragraph of Section 4213 of the Government Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 4213. Refund on separation. Upon complete separation from service before a member shall have completed at least twenty (20) years total service, the member shall be entitled to receive a refund of his total contributions, including regular interest, but no payment of interest shall be made in any case in which total service is less than one (1) year. Total contributions shall include all contributions made by the member to obtain various types of credit authorized by this Chapter."