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The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker
Mina'Bente Kuattro na Liheslaturan Guahan
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OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY	
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT	
Received By	<u>[Signature]</u>
Time	<u>8:45am</u>
Date	<u>8/18/98</u>

Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find Bill No. 529 (LS), "AN ACT TO AMEND §23 OF CHAPTER IV OF P.L. 24-59, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE WITHIN THE GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT", which I have signed into law today as **Public Law No. 24-244**.

This legislation amends a section of the Miscellaneous Provisions Chapter of the General Appropriation Act for 1998-99. The section provides for the Guam Fire Department (GFD) to use \$150,000 of the appropriations to the Guam Fire Department to pay for a Medical Director for the Guam Fire Department to operate the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program.

This legislation establishes a Medical Director's Office within the Guam Fire Department, instead of providing for a Medical Director position only, and describes in particular the duties of the Office. Some of these duties are to conduct EMS research, oversee the control of the GFD 911 system, coordinate training with the Guam Community College (GCC), and so forth.

The language in the legislation needs some correction, which can be easily made. There is an inconsistency between the general phrase on Page 2, line 11: "The Director shall oversee and review:" and the phrases in subsections (a) through (j) which follow. The phrase "oversee and review" on line 11 should be deleted.

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There is no appropriation for the new Medical Director's Office even though the legislation states that the office is supposed to have "appropriate staffing through contractual services for training, coordinating and continuously improving the Emergency Medical Services". Although the program is now defined by law, there is no source of financial support for its operations.

Very truly yours,



Carl T. C. Gutierrez
I Maga'láhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

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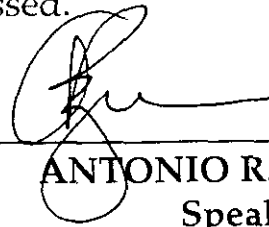
Attachment: copy attached for signed bill
 original attached for vetoed bill

cc: The Honorable Joanne M. S. Brown
 Legislative Secretary

MINA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
1998 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Bill No. 529 (LS) , "AN ACT TO AMEND §23 OF CHAPTER IV OF P.L. NO. 24-59, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE WITHIN THE GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT," was on the 29th day of July, 1998, duly and regularly passed.



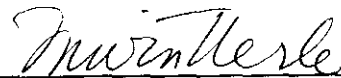
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Speaker

Attested:




JOANNE M.S. BROWN
Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guahan* this 3rd day of August, 1998,
at 4:55 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahaen's Office

APPROVED:


CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
I Maga'lahaen Guahan

Date: 8-14-98

Public Law No. 24-244

**MINA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
1998 (SECOND) Regular Session**

Bill No. 529 (LS)

As amended by the Author
and on the Floor.

Introduced by:

E. J. Cruz
J. C. Salas
L. F. Kasperbauer
Felix P. Camacho
T. C. Ada
F. B. Aguon, Jr.
A. C. Blaz
J. M.S. Brown
Francisco P. Camacho
M. C. Charfauros
W. B.S.M. Flores
Mark Forbes
A. C. Lamorena, V
C. A. Leon Guerrero
L. A. Leon Guerrero
V. C. Pangelinan
A. L.G. Santos
F. E. Santos
A. R. Unpingco
J. Won Pat-Borja

**AN ACT TO AMEND §23 OF CHAPTER IV OF P.L.
NO. 24-59, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A
MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE WITHIN THE
GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

1 **Section 1.** Section 23 of Chapter IV of Public Law Number 24-59 is
2 hereby *amended* to read as follows:

3 **"Section 23.** The Guam Fire Department ('GFD') Emergency
4 Medical Services shall make the following provisions in their budget:
5 the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) shall be
6 allocated from the Department's budget for the purpose of establishing
7 within the GFD a Medical Director's Office with appropriate staffing
8 through contractual services for training, coordinating and continuously
9 improving the Emergency Medical Services ('EMS') (the ambulance
10 service). The Office shall be headed by a Medical Director who shall be
11 a licensed physician. The Director shall oversee and review:

12 (a) all medical care components of the emergency service of the
13 Department, including both basic and advanced life support, through
14 quality assurance ('QA') programs within the Department;

15 (b) conduct EMS research as needed;

16 (c) participate with other EMS agencies in the planning,
17 development and advancement of EMS;

18 (d) oversee the control of the GFD 911 communications system,
19 including the protocols, personnel, certifications, training, policies and
20 QA;

21 (e) adopt treatment protocols as developed by the EMS office
22 and promulgate additional protocols as needed and as authorized by
23 the Department;

24 (f) coordinate with the Training Bureau, Guam Community
25 College, and for all other training centers, the training of the

1 Department's pre-hospital personnel, including course design
2 supervision of training, retraining, continuing education, ongoing
3 performance evaluation through audit, review and critique session;

4 (g) assure the Department's compliance with all Department of
5 Public Health and Social Services' EMS rules and regulations relative to
6 personnel equipment training vehicles and communications and
7 supplies;

8 (h) coordinate with the Guam Memorial Hospital ('GMH')
9 Emergency Department pre-hospitalization plan; and

10 (i) establish a working relationship policy with the Emergency
11 Department of GMH for the emergency medical technicians and the
12 emergency room technicians, nurses and physicians.

13 (j) assist the Director in programs and assignments to promote
14 EMS."



Committee on Judiciary, Public Safety
and Consumer Protection
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature

May 19, 1998

Senator
John C. Salas
Chairperson

Senator
Anthony C. Blaz
Member

Senator
Joanne M.S. Brown
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Member

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Edwardo J. Cruz, M.D.
Member

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Vicente C. Pangelinan
Member

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SPEAKER ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature
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Dear Mr Speaker:

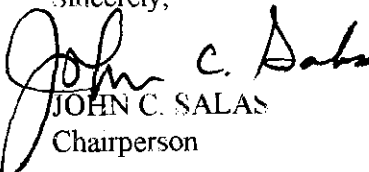
The Committee on Judiciary, Public Safety and Consumer Protection, to which was referred **BILL NO. 529**, wishes to report back to the Legislature with its recommendation **TO DO PASS BILL NO. 529**.

The voting record is as follows:

<u>6</u>	TO PASS
<u>0</u>	NOT TO PASS
<u>0</u>	ABSTAIN
<u>0</u>	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Copies of the Committee Report and other pertinent documents are attached.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated

Sincerely,

JOHN C. SALAS
Chairperson

Enclosures

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, PUBLIC SAFETY AND
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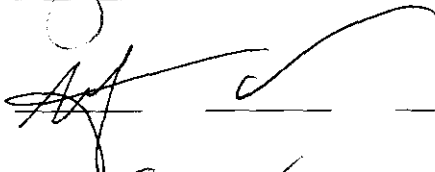
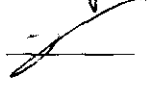

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**SENATOR JOHN C. SALAS
CHAIRPERSON**

**SPEAKER ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Ex-Officio Member**

VOTING SHEET

**BILL NO. 529: AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAL
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE WITHIN THE GUAM FIRE
DEPARTMENT BY AMENDING SECTION 23 OF
CHAPTER IV OF P.L. 24-59.**

<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u>	<u>INITIALS</u>	<u>TO DO PASS</u>	<u>NOT TO PASS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
1). Sen. John C. Salas Chairperson		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2). Sen. Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3). Sen. Anthony C. Blaz Member		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4). Sen. Joanne M.S. Brown Member		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5). Sen. Edwardo J. Cruz M.D. Member		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6). Sen. Mark Forbes Member		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7). Sen. Vicente C. Pangelinan Member		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8). Speaker Antonio Unpingco Ex-Officio Member		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Committee on Judiciary, Public Safety and Consumer Protection
Senator John C. Salas, Chairperson**

**Committee Report
on**

Bill No. 529: AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAL
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE WITHIN THE
GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT BY
AMENDING SECTION 23 OF CHAPTER
IV OF P.L. NO. 24-59.

I. SUMMARY

The Committee on Judiciary, Public Safety and Consumer Protection held a public hearing on Bill No. 529 on Friday, May 15, 1998, at 9:00AM at the Legislative Public Hearing Room. Public Notice was published in the May 13 and May 15, 1998 editions of the Pacific Daily News.

Committee Members Present:

Senator John C. Salas, Chairperson
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.
Senator Joanne M.S. Brown
Senator Eduardo J. Cruz, M.D.
Senator Vicente C. Pangelinan

Other Senators Present:

Senator Carlotta Leon Guerrero

Purpose and Effect of the Bill:

The bill amends Section 23, Chapter IV (Miscellaneous Provisions) of Public Law 24-59, the General Appropriations Act of 1998 and 1999. The existing section provides for the allocation of \$150,000 from the Guam Fire Department (GFD) budget for the purpose of contracting with a licensed physician to serve as a full-time Medical Director for the GFD's Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The bill amends the section by adding substantive provisions to create a Medical Director's Office within GFD, with appropriate staffing through contractual services, and to spell out the functions to be performed by the medical Director.

Providing Public Testimony on the Bill:

Gil Reyes, Guam Fire chief, **oral**

Christine Gyulavics-Reyes, Administrator, Emergency Medical Services, Department of Public Health & Social Services, **oral**

Andrea Eberly, M.D., Medical Director, Emergency Medical Services, Department of Public Health & Social Services, **oral**

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY:

Chief Gil Reyes, Guam Fire Department

Testified in strong support of the bill, stressing the need for the expertise of a Medical director for the EMS office within the Guam Fire Department.

Dr. Andrea Eberly

Testified that there is a vital need for a *Medical Director to oversee the Fire Department's EMS functions*, and she hopes that Bill 529 can be quickly approved by the Committee and the Legislature.

Administrator Christine Gyulavics-Reyes

Testified in support of the bill, noting that allocating the \$150,000 for staffing the office is preferable to just contracting with a full-time physician; it will provide funds for "2 ½ people" and allows for flexibility in how the EMS office will be set up. She recommended that Subsection (d) on page 2 of the bill, line 10, be amended to delete the reference to "control" over the 911 system by the Medical Director. The role of the Director would be to oversee only the emergency medical aspects of the 911 system and not the emergency phone system itself which is under the control of GFD. (The other two witnesses agreed with that statement.)

THERE WAS NO STATED OPPOSITION TO THE BILL.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on Judiciary, Public Safety and Consumer Protection finds total support from the principal agency, the *Guam Fire Department*, the EMS professionals, and the Senators present at the public hearing for the passage of Bill No. 529 as substituted by the author. The Committee submits its report to the Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature with the recommendation TO DO PASS.