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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hessler Street
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Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 264(EC), "AN ACT TO AMEND §4302(c), CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 3, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCLUDING A GOVERNMENT OF GUAM RETIREE IN THE NEGOTIATING TEAM TO ADVOCATE FOR HEALTH CARE BENEFITS" which I signed into law on May 9, 2008 as **Public Law 29-80**.

Sinseru yan Magåhet,

FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'låhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy of Bill


cc: The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes,
Senator and Legislative Secretary

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Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.
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2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

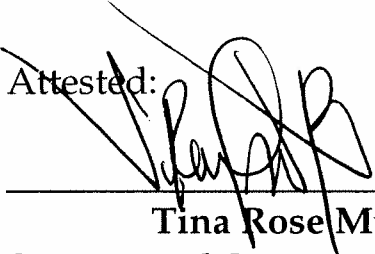
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

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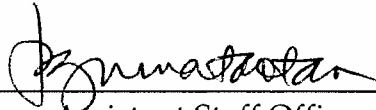
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Acting Speaker

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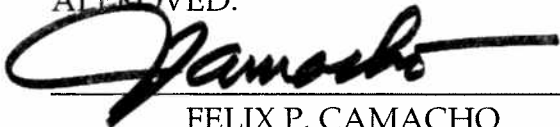
Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* this 08 day of April, 2008, at 4:20 o'clock P.M.



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APPROVED:



FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan

Date:

9 MAY 2008

Public Law No.

29-80

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 264 (EC)

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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* §4302(c), CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 3,
TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
INCLUDING A GOVERNMENT OF GUAM RETIREE IN THE
~~NEGOTIATING TEAM TO ADVOCATE FOR HEALTH CARE~~
BENEFITS.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** For the past twenty (20)
3 years, the government of Guam has negotiated with numerous health insurance
4 companies to determine health care benefits for active government of Guam
5 employees and retirees. Existing law establishes the Negotiating Team which
6 consists of representatives of various government of Guam agencies, including the
7 Government of Guam Retirement Fund (Fund). However, the Fund representative

1 is present in the negotiations to protect the integrity of the Fund and *does not*
2 represent the retirees. The retirees and their health care needs are an important
3 component when benefits are negotiated with health insurance companies and the
4 government of Guam and currently there is no representation from this group on
5 the Negotiating Team.

6 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* that a government of
7 Guam retiree be part of the Negotiating Team to advocate for their health care
8 needs.

9 **Section 2.** §4302 (c), Chapter 4, Article 3, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated,
10 is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

11 “(c) A Negotiating Team consisting of the Director of
12 Administration, who *shall* be Chairperson, the Administrator of the
13 Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities
14 (‘DISID’), *or his or her* designee; the Director of the Bureau of Budget and
15 Management Research, *or his or her* designee; an employee representative
16 from the Judicial Branch to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme
17 Court of Guam; an employee representative from the Legislative Branch to
18 be appointed by the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*;
19 of the Guam Public School System, *or his or her* designee; the Director of
20 the Government of Guam Retirement Fund, *or his or her* designee; and a
21 retiree who is a member of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund to be
22 appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Government of Guam Retirement
23 Fund, *shall* examine the financial information of the prepaid health
24 insurance companies, health care providers *or* other legal entities for the
25 purpose of developing the most economical and beneficial health plan for
26 government of Guam employees and retirees. The Negotiating Team may
27 obtain technical support from other financial and health-related agencies.

1 The Negotiating Team *shall* develop its rules of procedure in accordance
2 with the Administrative Adjudication Law.

3 The Negotiating Team with the approval of *I Maga'lahi* is authorized
4 to contract an actuary competent to develop health insurance rates *or* other
5 recognized expert to train and/*or* advise the Negotiating Team.”

6 **Section 3. Severability.** *If* any of the provisions of this Act or the
7 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity
8 shall *not* affect any other provision or application of this Act which can be given
9 effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of
10 this Act are severable.