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APRIL 10, 2015

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker *I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* 155 Hesler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D

Date: 1 me Received Bv:\_\_\_

Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 7-33 (COR) "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 6225.1 TO ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 6, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING FOR A HAZARDOUS PAY DIFFERENTIAL FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER IN UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS DUTY WORKING CONDITIONS" which was signed into law on April 2, 2015, as Public Law 33-16.

Senseramente, YMOND S. TENORIO I Maga'låhen Guåhan, para pa'go Acting Governor of Guam

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

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

This is to certify that Bill No. 7-33 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 6225.1 TO ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 6, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING FOR A HAZARDOUS PAY DIFFERENTIAL FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER IN UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS HAZARDOUS DUTY WORKING CONDITIONS," was on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015, duly and regularly passed.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker

Attested:

Rory J.'Respicio Acting Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by <i>I Maga'lahen Guål</i> 2015, at <u>5:05</u> o'clock <u>P</u> .M.	faish-2fly
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APPROVED:

EDWARD J.B. CALVO I Maga'lahen Guåhan

APR 0 2 2015 Date:

Public Law No. 33-16

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

### Bill No. 7-33 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Finance & Taxation, General Government Operations, and Youth Development; and further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 6225.1 TO ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 6, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING FOR A HAZARDOUS PAY DIFFERENTIAL FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER IN UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS HAZARDOUS DUTY WORKING CONDITIONS.

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

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds

3 that the personnel of the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC),

1 as referenced in the Hazardous/Environmental Pay Policy and Procedures, are 2 often placed in personal jeopardy when they are working in what are deemed 3 unsafe or dangerous hazardous duty working conditions - being in close proximity 4 with mentally ill or emotionally disturbed or psychotic substance use disorder 5 patients who are unpredictable, combative or volatile.

6 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the GBHWC policy and practice of 7 allowing hazardous pay was in effect from February 2000 to February 2012, at 8 which time it was administratively discontinued. The twelve (12) year precedent of 9 receiving this compensation for the hazardous work conditions speaks to the 10 validity of their claims that the policy should be reinstated.

It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to reinstate the policy and practice of providing a hazardous pay differential for Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center personnel who are in unsafe, dangerous, or hazardous duty working conditions.

15 Section 2. Hazardous Pay Differential. A new §6225.1 is hereby added
16 to Article 2 of Chapter 6, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

17 "§ 6225.1. Hazardous Pay Differential for Employees of Guam 18 Behavioral Health and Wellness Center. Notwithstanding §6304 of Article 3, Chapter 6, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, the Civil Service 19 Hazardous/Environmental Pay Policy and Procedures, or any other provision 20 21 of law, rule, regulation and Executive Order, the personnel of the Guam 22 Behavioral Health and Wellness Center working in what are deemed unsafe 23 or dangerous hazardous duty working conditions in close proximity with 24 mentally ill or emotionally disturbed or psychotic substance use disorder 25patients who are unpredictable, combative or volatile shall be entitled to a 26 ten percent (10%) hazardous pay differential.

The Director of the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center and 1 2 the Director of the Department of Administration shall identify the direct-3 exposure personnel and ensure that all affected personnel receive the hazardous pay differential. The two Directors shall additionally develop a 4 5 protocol for personnel not normally in direct-exposure situations for those times when they are in unusual and dangerous direct contact situations, at 6 which time they shall then be entitled to a hazardous pay differential for that 7 specific incident in which they were exposed." 8

9 Section 3. Effective Date. This Act *shall* take effect on October 1, 2015.