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

Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 166-33 (LS), "AN ACT TO APPEAL AND REENACT § 103120 OF CHAPTER 103, TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO AMEND SUBSECTION (b) AND ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (c) OF 15110 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 15, TITLE 22, GUAM CODE ANNONATED, RELATIVE TO REESTABLISHING AND FUNDING THE BANKING AND INSURANCE ENFORCEMENT FUND, AND THEREBY FACILITATING HEALTH INSURANCE **REFORM PRACTICES,"** which was signed into law on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2015, as Public Law 33-91.

Senseramente,

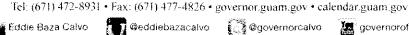
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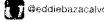
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## I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

### CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LÅHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 166-33 (LS), "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT § 103120 OF CHAPTER 103, TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO AMEND SUBSECTION (b) AND ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (c) OF § 15110 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 15, TITLE 22, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REESTABLISHING AND FUNDING THE BANKING AND INSURANCE ENFORCEMENT FUND, AND THEREBY FACILITATING HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM PRACTICES," was on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 2015, duly and regularly passed.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'låhen Guåhan this \_\_28th\_\_day of Defalus,

2015, at \_\_f.'22 o'clock P\_.M.

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Maga'låhi's Office

RAYMOND S. TENORIO Acting Governor of Guam

Public Law No. 33-91

Date:

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

Bill No. 166-33 (LS)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that the Office of the Banking and Insurance Commissioner, Department of

- 1 Revenue and Taxation of Guam, lacks the funding to properly monitor and regulate
- 2 the banking and insurance industry. Subsection (d) of § 103102 of Chapter 103,
- 3 Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, provides that, "The Commissioner shall perform
- 4 all duties imposed upon him by the provisions of this Title, Title 17 GCA Chapter
- 5 50, and other laws regulating banking and insurance in Guam and shall enforce all
- 6 such provisions and laws."
- 7 I Liheslaturan Guåhan takes due notice that the source of previous funding
- 8 was redirected to the General Fund, and that the Banking and Insurance
- 9 Enforcement Fund itself, was eliminated, leaving the Office of the Banking and
- 10 Insurance Commissioner without the necessary funding to properly regulate and
- enforce the mandates of the Office.
- 12 I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that health insurance reform requires the
- 13 regulatory oversight necessary to ensure compliance. The accomplishment of this
- 14 requires funding and a clear mandate.
- It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to repeal and reenact §
- 16 103120 of Chapter 103, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, and to amend § 15110 of
- 17 Article 1, Chapter 15, Title 22, Guam Code Annotated, for the combined purpose
- of reestablishing and funding the Banking and Insurance Enforcement Fund.
- 19 Section 2. § 103120 of Chapter 103, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, is
- 20 hereby *repealed* and *reenacted* to read as follows:
  - "§ 103120. Creation of the Banking and Insurance Enforcement
- Fund.

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- There is hereby established, separate and apart from other funds of the
- 24 government of Guam, a special fund known as the 'Banking and Insurance
- Enforcement Fund' (hereinafter the 'Fund'). The Fund shall not be
- commingled with the General Fund or any other fund of the government of
- Guam. The Fund shall be held in an account or accounts at a Guam financial

institution or institutions separate and apart from all other accounts and funds of the government of Guam. The Fund *shall not* be subject to *I Maga'låhen Guåhan's* transfer authority. The Fund *shall* be used for enforcement within the purview of the Office of Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, and the Banking and Insurance Board, subject to appropriations."

- **Section 3.** Subsection (b) is *amended* and a new Subsection (c) is *added* to § 15110 of Article 1, Chapter 15, Title 22, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:
  - "(b) All funds deriving from this Section *shall* be deposited in the Banking and Insurance Enforcement Fund.
  - (c) The Commissioner, in consultation and with the approval of the Banking and Insurance Board, *shall* have the authority to adjust the fees, as provided pursuant to this Section, within an amount *not to exceed* fifteen percent (15%) per annum. The Commissioner *shall* conduct a public hearing on any proposed fee increase(s) *not to exceed* fifteen percent (15%) pursuant to the Open Government Law, and *shall* transmit the findings and recommendations of the public hearing to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* prior to the implementation of the proposed fee increase(s). Any proposed fee increase above that percentage *shall only* be promulgated pursuant to Article 3 (Rule-Making Procedures) of Chapter 9 (Administrative Adjudication Law) of Division 1, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated."
- **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity *shall* not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be

- 1 given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the
- 2 provisions of this Act are severable.
- 3 Section 5. Effective Date. This Act shall become effective upon
- 4 commencement of Fiscal Year 2017.