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Bill Log Sheet

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES
72-33 (COR)	D. G. Rodriguez, Jr	AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9(c) OF PUBLIC LAW 32-054, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING THAT THE NATIONAL CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR EXAM IS THE SOLE REQUISITE EXAM FOR LICENSURE FOR LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR.	04/07/15 11:32 a.m.	04/07/15	Committee on Health, Economic Development, Homeland Security, and Senior Citizens			



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MEMORANDUM

To: **Rennae Meno**
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From: **Senator Rory J. Respicio** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: Referral of Bill No. 72-33(COR)

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 72-33(COR)**.

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all members of *I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse!

Attachment

MINA' TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 72-33 (cor)

Introduced by:

D.G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. 

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9(c) OF PUBLIC LAW 32-054,
RELATIVE TO REQUIRING THAT THE NATIONAL
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR EXAM IS THE
SOLE REQUISITE EXAM FOR LICENSURE FOR LICENSED
MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the requisite examination for licensure as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) may be appropriately accomplished with the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam (NCMHCE) which is the “specialty license” for those specializing in mental health counseling. Further, that the National Counselor Examination (NCE) is a basic entry examination for the generalist license into the profession of Licensed Professional Counselor (LCE). According to the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) the taking of both exams is usually not required in most states, unless the applicant is seeking national certification and licensure which would be ‘portable’ to most states, but still subject to any additional requirement(s) a state may mandate.

The Association of the Individual, Marriage and Family Therapists of Guam is requesting that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* amend the requirement for both exams for Licensed Mental Health Counselor, and that only the NCMHCE be required, but not the NCE.

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1 **Section 2.** Subsection 9(c) of Public Law 32-054, is *amended* to read:

2 “(c) Individuals who hold a current, valid license in a state of the United
3 States, its territories or a foreign country approved by the Board on a case-by-case
4 basis as a Licensed Clinical Counselor of Mental Health, Licensed Clinical Mental
5 Health Counselor, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Licensed Mental Health
6 Practitioner, Licensed Professional Counselor of Mental Health, or other license
7 deemed by the Board to be substantially equivalent to the Guam License for
8 Licensed Mental Health Counselor, and who has passed ~~both the NCE and the~~
9 National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam (NCMHCE) in a manner
10 approved by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) shall be eligible
11 for the Guam license for a Licensed Mental Health Counselor.”

12 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to
13 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such
14 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be
15 given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the
16 provisions of this Act are severable.