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May 9, 2019

Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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Re: Bill No. 66-35(COR) – An Act to *Amend* § 2912(p) of Article 9, Chapter 2, Division 1, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated; and *Amend* § 181103(d)(1) and (2) of Article 11, Chapter 18, Title 22, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Increasing the Age Qualification and Insurance Cap Amount for the Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Dear Madam Speaker:

Earlier this month, I signed and proposed legislation to help alleviate the financial needs of the Guam Autism Center. To continue my mission of providing better access to healthcare, I have now signed Bill No. 66-35 into law as **Public Law 35-19**.

I am thankful to the Legislature for passing and sending this bill for my signature. Autism is an important issue and it deserves our immediate attention. I am encouraged by the unanimous support throughout our island and will continue to support any effort that will assist our friends and families.

Senseremente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hagan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Enclosure: Bill 66-35 nka P.L. 35-19

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam (via email)
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I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

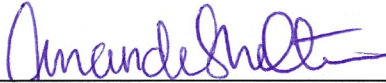
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that **Bill No. 66-35 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 2912(p) OF ARTICLE 9, CHAPTER 2, DIVISION 1, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND AMEND § 181103(d)(1) AND (2) OF ARTICLE 11, CHAPTER 18, TITLE 22, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE AGE QUALIFICATION AND INSURANCE CAP AMOUNT FOR THE TREATMENT OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD),"** was on the 29th day of April 2019, duly and regularly passed.




Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker

Attested:



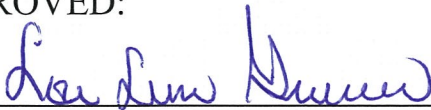
Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 30th day of April,
2019, at 10:28 o'clock A.M.



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APPROVED:



Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 5/9/2019

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Bill No. 66-35 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that the HunterSpeaks Autism Organization, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization,
4 provides Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) services through the Guam Autism

1 Center pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 33-227; and, that Public Law 34-
2 06, known as *Hunter's Law of 2017*, mandates the provisions of health care
3 insurance coverage for ASD by insurers. *Hunter's Law* mandates the maximum
4 benefit of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) per year for an eligible person up to the
5 age of nine (9), and limits the treatment of ASD to Twenty-five Thousand Dollars
6 (\$25,000) maximum benefit per year for an eligible person who is between the ages
7 of nine (9) and twenty-one (21). *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the Guam
8 Autism Center reports that a great majority of minors receiving its services are in
9 need of long-term intense therapy, for which current age eligibilities and insurance
10 maximums may not cover.

11 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to increase the age and
12 dollar maximum to allow for the necessary insurance coverage that will be needed
13 to address the need for long-term intense therapy.

14 **Section 2.** § 2912(p) of Article 9, Chapter 2, Division 1, Title 10, Guam
15 Code Annotated, is *amended* to read:

16 “(p) Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). A Seventy-five Thousand
17 Dollars (\$75,000) maximum benefit per year for an eligible person up to the
18 age of fifteen (15). The treatment of an autism spectrum disorder *shall* be
19 limited to a Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) maximum benefit per
20 year for an eligible person who is between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-
21 one (21).”

22 **Section 3.** § 181103(d)(1) and (2) of Article 11, Chapter 18, Title 22, Guam
23 Code Annotated, are *amended* to read:

24 “(d) Coverage for diagnosis, treatment and behavioral therapy is
25 subject to:

26 (1) a Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) maximum
27 benefit per year for an eligible person up to the age of fifteen (15); or

1 (2) a Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) maximum
2 benefit per year for an eligible person who is between the ages of
3 sixteen (16) and twenty-one (21).”

4 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
5 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity
6 *shallnot* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect
7 without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
8 Act are severable.