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The Honorable Felix P. Camacho
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Dear *Maga'lahi* Camacho:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 206(EC) which was passed by *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on March 21, 2008.

Sincerely,

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

Enclosure (1)

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

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 206 (EC), "AN ACT TO *AMEND* TITLE 4 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 3, §4302(c), RELATIVE TO INCLUDING A GOVERNMENT OF GUAM RETIREE IN THE NEGOTIATING TEAM TO ADVOCATE FOR HEALTH CARE BENEFITS,"** was on the 21st day of March, 2008, duly and regularly passed.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker

Attested:

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this 21 day of March, 2008, at 12:45 o'clock P.M.

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APPROVED:

FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'lahen Guåhan

Date: _____

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

Bill No. 206 (EC)
As amended on the Floor.

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

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

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

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

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

"§4302. Same: Health Insurance *or* Provision of Health Care. (c) A Negotiating Team consisting of the Director of Administration, who *shall* be Chairperson, the Administrator of the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities (DISID), *or* his *or* her designee; the Director of the Bureau of Budget and Management Research, *or* his *or* her designee; an employee representative from the Judicial Branch to be appointed by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Guam; an employee representative from the Legislative Branch to be appointed by the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*; the Director of the Guam Public School System, *or* his *or* her designee; the Director of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund, *or* his *or* her designee; and a retiree who is a member of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund to be appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund, *shall* examine the financial information of the prepaid health insurance companies, the health care providers *or* other legal entities for the purpose of developing the most economical and beneficial health plan for government of Guam employees and retirees. The Negotiating Team may obtain technical support from other financial and health-

related agencies. The Negotiating Team *shall* develop its rules of procedure in accordance with the Administrative Adjudication Law."

Section 3. Severability. *If* any provisions 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 which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
29th GUAM LEGISLATURE
JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D

March 18, 2008

To: I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guahan

RE: Emergency Certification of Bill 206

After careful evaluation for a request to waive the requirements for a public hearing on bill 206;

> *Bill No. 206 (EC) An act to amend Title 4 Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 4, Article 3, Section 4302(c) relative to including a Government of Guam retiree in the negotiating team to advocate for health care benefits.*

I certify, pursuant to 2 GCA §2103, that an emergency condition exists and that the requirements for a public hearing on bill 206 is accordingly waived.

Senseramente,

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

cc: Senator vicente "ben" pangelinan
Clerk of the Legislature

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