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

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 99(LS), 161(LS), 243(LS), 247(LS), 264(EC); and Substitute Bill Nos. 95(LS), 205(EC), 223(LS) & 226(LS) which were passed by *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on April 25, 2008.

Sincerely,

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

Enclosures (9)

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

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 264 (EC), "AN ACT TO *AMEND* §4302(c), CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 3, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCLUDING A GOVERNMENT OF GUAM RETIREE IN THE NEGOTIATING TEAM TO ADVOCATE FOR HEALTH CARE BENEFITS,"** was on the 25th day of April, 2008, duly and regularly passed.

Dr. David L.G. Shimizu
Acting Speaker

Attested:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this 28 day of April, 2008, at 4:20 o'clock P.M.

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APPROVED:

FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'lahen Guåhan

Date: _____

Public Law No. _____

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 264 (EC)

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AN ACT TO *AMEND* §4302(c), CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 3, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, 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. Legislative Findings and 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. §4302 (c), Chapter 4, Article 3, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

"(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 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam; an employee representative from the Legislative Branch to be appointed by the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*; the Superintendent 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, 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.

The Negotiating Team with the approval of *I Maga'lahi* is authorized to contract an actuary competent to develop health insurance rates *or* other recognized expert to train and/*or* advise the Negotiating Team."

Section 3. Severability. *If* any of the provisions of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall *not* affect any other provision or application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.