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I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2012 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 417-31 (COR), "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW SUBSECTION (m) TO §41103 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 41 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EMPLOYEES IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES",** was on the 14TH day of December, 2012, duly and regularly passed.

Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Acting Speaker

Attested:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this 17 day of Dec, 2012, at 11:40 o'clock A.M.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that several legislative proposals were introduced during the First Regular Session of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* to improve public services for individuals with disabilities, including mental illness. These proposals seek to promote the

education and awareness among government of Guam employees who routinely work with individuals with disabilities, particularly first responders. The ability of personnel to recognize and to know how to interact with individuals with disabilities can help ensure that government services are provided appropriately to those with special needs.

I Liheslatura finds that these measures build upon the progressive efforts of the government of Guam, including Public Law Nos. 30-99 and 30-171, to improve public services to individuals with disabilities. The former requires the Department of Revenue and Taxation to issue license plates or decalcomania (one [1] or the other) and/or placards to individuals with speech and/or hearing disabilities, and the latter requires all agencies, public corporations and instrumentalities of the government of Guam to ensure that individuals with mobility disabilities are allowed to move to the front of the line for customer service requests and remittance of payments.

Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to improve government services to persons with disabilities by creating a certification program, to include a training program, managed through the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities (DISID) on the development of skills that will ensure all people with disabilities are treated with respect and high regard, by adding a new Subsection (m) to §41103 of Article 1, Chapter 41, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, relative to the duties of DISID. DISID *shall* certify participants' completion of such training activities as are required.

Section 2. Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities Authorized to Develop Certification Programs that Include Training. A new Subsection (m) is hereby *added* to §41103 of Article 1, Chapter 41, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, relative to the duties of the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities, to read:

"(m) The DISID *shall* develop a Certification Program and fees pertaining thereto, pursuant to the Administrative Adjudication Law, to include certification levels, performance standards and training targets that will ensure government of Guam employees are capable of providing services to individuals with disabilities in a manner with respect and high regard. Such government of Guam employees *shall* include, but *not* be limited to, customer service personnel and uniformed personnel, as defined in 4GCA §8104(p). DISID is authorized to permit other government of Guam agencies and public and private educational institutions to provide training relative to providing services to individuals with disabilities; *however*, DISID *shall* certify the participants' completion of such training activities."

Section 3. Effective Date. This Act *shall* be effective upon enactment.

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 which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.