I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Received

Bill Log Sheet

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES
335-32 (LS)	D. G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.,	AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE, BY AMENDING §122317 AND §122318 OF ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 12, PART 2, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.	5/8/14 4:23 p.m.	05/09/14	Committee on Health & Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development, and Senior Citizens		06/11/14 10:12 a.m.	**Fiscal Note Requested 5/20/14 Waiver Received 6/12/14**
	DATE PASSED	**TITLE**	**TRANSMITTED**		**DUE DATE**	**DATE SIGNED BY I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN**	**PUBLIC LAW NO.**	**NOTES**
	6/16/2014	AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 122317 AND 122318 OF ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 12, PART 2, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE.	6/17/17	2:15 p.m.	6/28/2014			**As amended on the Floor.**

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I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
THIRTY-SECOND GUAM LEGISLATURE
155 Hesler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

June 17, 2014

The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo
I Maga'lahen Guåhan
Ufisinan I Maga'lahi
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
RECEIVED BY
TIME 2:15 pm DATE 6/17/14

Dear *Maga'lahi* Calvo:

Transmitted herewith are Bill and Substitute Bill Nos. 173-32 (LS), 307-32 (COR), 309-32 (COR), 334-32 (LS), 335-32 (COR) and 350-32 (LS), which were passed by *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on June 16, 2014.

Sincerely,

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary

Enclosures (6)

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 335-32 (COR), "AN ACT TO *AMEND* §§ 122317 AND 122318 OF ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 12, PART 2, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE,"** was on the 16th day of June, 2014, 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 17th day of June, 2014, at 2:15 o'clock P.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahi's Office

APPROVED:

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'lahen Guåhan

Date: _____

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I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 335-32 (COR)
As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by: Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
T. C. Ada
V. Anthony Ada
FRANK B. AGUON, JR.
B. J.F. Cruz
Chris M. Dueñas
Michael T. Limtiaco
Brant T. McCreadie
Tommy Morrison
T. R. Muña Barnes
Vicente (ben) C. Pangelinan
R. J. Respicio
Michael F. Q. San Nicolas
Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

AN ACT TO *AMEND* §§ 122317 AND 122318 OF ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 12, PART 2, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the members of the Guam Board of Social Work require additional time to promulgate the requisite rules and regulation, as authorized pursuant to § 122312 of the Guam Social Work Practice Act, which was enacted on December 10, 2012.

However, the members of the Board were only recently nominated and confirmed in early 2014.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that the statutory timelines by which existing, currently practicing social workers may obtain either *exemptions* or *exceptions* necessary for the renewal of their licenses will expire on June 10, 2014. This will effectively result in the inability of over two hundred (200) social workers from continuing in their practice in the allied healthcare workforce. It will likewise negatively impact the thousands of clients requiring their services.

It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to accommodate the Guam Board of Social Work by extending the date by which current social workers may obtain exemptions or exceptions for the renewal of their licenses; and to provide them time during which they may promulgate their rules and regulations, as well as develop the requisite applications and forms required to conduct the business of the program.

Section 2. The first paragraph of § 122317 of Article 23, Chapter 12, Part 2, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

"**§ 122317. Exemptions.** Exemptions may be granted to non-social work degree holders who are employed with the job title "social worker" or any derivative thereof. Those granted a Certificate of Exemption by the Board would be allowed to remain in their social work positions without a social work license. Persons may apply for a Certificate of Exemption by December 10, 2015, or within eighteen (18) months of the date of the enactment of this Act, whichever is later. After December 10, 2015, no person shall be granted a Certificate of Exemption. The Certificate of Exemption *shall* be effective indefinitely throughout the course of the person's professional career."

Section 3. § 122318 of Article 23, Chapter 12, Part 2, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

"**§ 122318. Exceptions.** An exception is granted to any person meeting the following conditions:

(a) a person who is employed or has retired with the job title "social worker" or any derivative thereof and possesses a Bachelor's, Master's, or Ph.D. degree in the field of social work from an accredited or unaccredited social work degree program as of the date of passage of this law. Those granted exceptions must obtain a social work license by December 10, 2015, or within eighteen (18) months of the date of the enactment of this Act, whichever is later;

(b) a person who self-identifies as a social worker and possesses a Bachelor's, Master's, or Ph.D. degree in the field of social work from an accredited or unaccredited social work degree program upon enactment of this Act. Those granted exceptions must obtain a social work license by December 10, 2015, or within eighteen (18) months of the date of the enactment of this Act, whichever is later; and

(c) a person who possesses a non-social work degree, but possesses a degree in a related social science, to include degrees such as psychology, sociology, counseling, human relations and human services, political science, criminal justice, and any other degrees as approved by the Board; and who self-identifies as a social worker may apply for an exception to obtain social work licensure meeting the following requirements:

(1) provide a written request for exception from licensure requirements to the Board;

(2) provide a written declaration that they are individuals in good standing based on satisfactory employment performance evaluations and with no ethical complaints in the course of their employment with the job title "social worker";

(3) sign a declaration statement that they will abide by the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics;

(4) submit three (3) letters of verification; one (1) from their current employer acknowledging that he/she is an individual in good standing, and is highly recommended for employment with the job title, "social worker"; and

(5) obtain fifty (50) continuing education units (CEU) or certified training contact hours approved by the Social Work Board in the field of social work to include the following: the application of social work theory, knowledge, methods, ethics, and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or bio-psychosocial functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations, and communities; and training in the social work Generalist Practice Model that includes assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, case management, information and referral, counseling, supervision, consultation, education, advocacy, community organization, and the development, implementation, and administration of policies, programs, and activities. The fifty (50) CEUs or certified training contact hours *shall* have *no* time or date limitations.

(d) All persons qualified for exceptions *do not* need to take the appropriate licensure examination, but must conform to all other

requirements consistent with the appropriate level of licensure as prescribed in the law. Exceptions may *only* be granted by the Board up until December 10, 2015, or within eighteen (18) months of the date of the enactment of this Act, whichever is later."

Section 4. Effective Date. This Act *shall* become effective upon enactment.

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 335-32 (COR)
As amended on the Floor.
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Introduced by: Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

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LEGISLATIVE SESSION

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN

2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Voting Sheet

Bill No. 335-32 (COR)
As amended on the Floor.

Speaker Antonio R. Unipingco Legislative Session Hall
June 16, 2014

NAME	Yea	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent
Senator Thomas "Tom" C. ADA	✓				
Senator V. Anthony "Tony" ADA	✓				
Senator Frank Blas AGUON Jr.	✓				
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. CRUZ	✓				
Senator Christopher M. DUENAS	✓				
Senator Michael LIMTIACO	✓				
Senator Brant McCREADIE	✓				
Senator Thomas "Tommy" MORRISON	✓				
Senator Tina Rose MUÑA BARNES	✓				
Senator Vicente (ben) Cabrera PANGELINAN	✓				
Senator Rory J. RESPICIO	✓				
Senator Dennis G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr.	✓				
Senator Michael F. Q.SAN NICOLAS	✓				
Speaker Judith T. WON PAT, Ed.D.					✓ Ex.
Senator Aline A. YAMASHITA, Ph.D.	✓				
TOTAL	14				1 Ex.
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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

Clerk of the Legislature

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