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Honorable Therese M. Terlaje
Acting Speaker
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Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje
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Dear Madam Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 128-34 (COR), **"AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 12420 TO CHAPTER 12 OF PARET 1, ARICLE 4, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MILITARY LIMITED VOLUNTEER DENTAL LICENSE FOR DENTISTS LICENSED WITH THE GUAM-BASED MILITARY CREDENTIALING OFFICE TO ENABLE THEM TO VOLUNTEER IN THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY,"** which was signed on October 17, 2018, as **Public Law 34-127.**

Senseramente,

EDDIE BAZA CALVO

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2018 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 128-34 (COR), "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 12420 TO CHAPTER 12 OF PART 1, ARTICLE 4, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MILITARY LIMITED VOLUNTEER DENTAL LICENSE FOR DENTISTS LICENSED WITH THE GUAM-BASED MILITARY CREDENTIALING OFFICE TO ENABLE THEM TO VOLUNTEER IN THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY,"** was on the 4th day of October 2018, duly and regularly passed.

Therese M. Terlaje
Acting Speaker

Attested:

Régine Biscoe Lee
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* this 5th day of OCTOBER, 2018, at 1:08 o'clock P.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
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APPROVED:

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'låhen Guåhan

Date: OCT 17 2018

Public Law No. 34-127

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2017 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 128-34 (COR)

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* acknowledges that the military medical community has a long and proud continuing history on Guam beginning in August of 1899 with the arrival of the Medical Officer of the USS Yosemite, Surgeon Philip Leach, and Assistant Surgeons Mark V. Stone

and Alfred G. Grunwell. By 1940, one (1) dentist was among other healthcare professionals assigned to the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam. Special acknowledgment goes to Captain Joe Commette, former Commanding Officer of the Naval Dental Center, who had an interest in history that piqued during his duties as the U.S. Navy's Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary 1994 Golden Salute Commemoration Liaison Officer. Veterans inundated him with artifacts when they came that year, making it necessary to bring in a twenty (20)-foot container as the first "temporary" museum.

This legacy of military dental personnel working in the Guam community is marked with many significant events that built the camaraderie we experience today.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further acknowledges that the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) deems Guam as a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). Though the island is currently not experiencing a critical shortage in dental professionals, a Department of Defense Inspector General audit report shows the upcoming transfer of Marines from Okinawa may impact the island's dental community.

Access to dental care by the indigent population is limited and often neglected by this patient population. The provision of simple screening exams has proved effective at early detection of oral cancers and other conditions. Early detection is important to successful outcomes. Therefore, the addition of volunteer military dentists to our community will greatly benefit the health of our people.

In recognition of the invaluable contributions made by our military health care system and the recognized need to increase the early detection of dental disease, it is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to establish an expedited Military Limited Volunteer Dental License within the Guam Board of Examiners. This license will be made available, at no cost, to a dentist who is authorized to treat personnel enlisted in a branch of the United States armed forces or veterans, and is

limited to the practice of dentistry for no compensation at clinics and outreach events that serve indigent populations.

Section 2. A new § 12420 is *added* to Article 4 of Part 1, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"**§ 12420. Military Limited Volunteer Dental License.**

A dentist who practices dentistry on Guam under a license issued pursuant to this § 12420 may only practice at a clinic or outreach event that primarily provides services for indigent populations, and the dentist *shall not* receive direct or indirect compensation or payment of anything of monetary value in exchange for the dental services rendered by the dentist to the indigent patients at the clinic or outreach event. The Board is authorized to issue a Military Limited Volunteer Dental License to an applicant who:

(a) is licensed and in good standing as a dentist in another state;

(b) maintains credentials within the military credentialing system and authorizes the Guam-based Military Credentialing Office to provide to the Guam Board of Examiners for Dentistry the required verification documents and military commander's approval; and

(c) agrees to be subject to Board rules and regulations, including those regarding disciplinary action, license registration and renewal, and continuing medical education, throughout the duration of the Military Limited Volunteer Dental Licensure.

A Military Limited Volunteer Dental License *shall* be issued at no charge to the applicant, be valid for a period of two (2) years, and may be renewed and maintained according to registration requirements as prescribed by the Board. The license *shall* be in effect upon receipt of the application packet by the Guam Board of Examiners for Dentistry, subject to final review. This

presumptive eligibility for licensure is contingent upon the appropriate military commander's authorization allowing the dentist to practice in the community, and the appropriate collaborative sharing of information between the Military Credentialing Office and the Guam Board of Examiners for Dentistry."

Section 3. 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 that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

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