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Honorable Therese M. Terlaje
Acting Speaker
I Mina'trentai Kuåttro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 337-34 (LS), **"AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 3127 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO MANDATING THE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS AND QUARANTINE AGENCY,"** which lapsed on December 29, 2018, as **Public Law 34-170.**

Senseramente,

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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. 337-34 (LS), "AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 3127 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO MANDATING THE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE CUSTOMS AND QUARANTINE AGENCY,"** was on the 17th day of December 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 17th day of Dec, 2018, at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
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APPROVED:

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'låhen Guåhan

Date: DEC 29 2018

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I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO *NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*
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Bill No. 337-34 (LS)
As corrected by Prime Sponsor; and amended on the Floor.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that in order to serve the people of Guam, persons in appointed positions must be able to bring experience directly applicable to the agency they are appointed. This experience becomes paramount in the realm of public safety. Public safety agencies on Guam with positions appointed by *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* require a certain level of experience to ensure the safety of our people, and that those who work in the

agency are being led by someone familiar with how an agency like that operates. This model may prove beneficial for the Customs and Quarantine Agency.

Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to ensure that for the safety of the people of Guam and the protection of civil rights, the Customs and Quarantine Agency is led by someone who holds the experience necessary to understand the mechanisms of the agency for the future of Guam's people.

Section 2. § 3127 of Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is *amended* to read:

"**§ 3127. Customs and Quarantine Agency.**

There is hereby established within the government of Guam, the Customs and Quarantine Agency (the Agency). The Director of the Agency, who is the head of the Agency, *shall* be appointed by *I Maga'låhi* (the Governor) with the advice and consent of *I Liheslatura* (the Legislature), and *shall* meet the following qualifications:

(a) have no less than ten (10) years of progressive experience in a law enforcement agency, including at least three (3) years in a senior law enforcement position, or with equivalent executive management experience in the field of public administration, business administration, criminal justice, or law, or a closely related field or discipline;

(b) graduated with a Bachelor's degree or higher in criminal justice, public administration, business administration, law, or a closely related field or discipline from an accredited institution recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or its successors;

(c) have no felony, domestic or family violence convictions;

(d) have no misdemeanor convictions involving moral turpitude;

(e) submit to and pass a drug screening test, including, but not limited to, urinalysis testing, unless the appointee is a current employee of the government of Guam registered with the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission as a peace officer occupying a Test-Designated Position (TDP) pursuant to the Department's Drug-Free Workplace Program;

(f) be of good health and good moral character;

(g) submit to psychological testing;

(h) submit to a polygraph examination; and

(i) submit to a thorough investigation of his or her background and moral character.

Compensation of Director of Customs and Quarantine Agency.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person appointed by *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* and confirmed by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to be Director of the Customs and Quarantine Agency, and who at the time of his or her appointment is an active member of the classified service, *shall* receive a salary established by the government of Guam compensation schedule for heads of agencies, or a salary equivalent to the three (3)-year average of the annual income earned immediately prior to his/her appointment as the Director of the Customs and Quarantine Agency, whichever is greater. Said three (3)-year average *shall* be reviewed annually to determine if mandated pay increases would have affected the three (3)-year average.

A person who is an active classified employee of the government of Guam immediately prior to his or her appointment by *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* and confirmation by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to be a Director of the Customs

and Quarantine Agency *shall*, if not removed for cause, be reinstated to the position he or she previously held immediately prior to such appointment, or to an equivalent position, upon expiration of his or her appointment as Director of the Customs and Quarantine Agency.

The senior ranking classified Customs and Quarantine Officer within the Agency *shall* act as the Deputy Director of the Agency with all the powers of such a deputy but without additional compensation. The compensation of the Director of the Agency and of such Director's personal secretary *shall* be set by the Director of Administration."

Section 3. Effective Date. This Act *shall* be effective on January 1, 2019.

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