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May 7, 2019

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Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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Honorable Tina Rose Muña-Barnes
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Guam Congress Building
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: Bill No. 39-35 (COR) – An Act to Add a New Item (5) to §4109.2(b) of Article 1, Chapter 4, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Authorizing Additional Leave Through the Leave Sharing Program for Employees Certified as Having a Catastrophic or Chronic Illness

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Dear Madam Speaker:

This bill fully embodies our island's *familia* spirit by allowing Government of Guam employees to better support their colleagues who are experiencing a catastrophic or chronic illness. Our co-workers may remain in a paid status for a longer period of time, thus partially ameliorating the financial impact of the illness or condition.

It is one of the few things we can do for our government family and I am happy to sign Bill 39-35 into law as **Public Law 35-11.**

Senseremente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Enclosure: Bill 39-35 nka P.L. 35-11

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 39-35 (COR), "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW ITEM (5) TO § 4109.2(b) OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 4, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL LEAVE THROUGH THE LEAVE SHARING PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYEES CERTIFIED AS HAVING A CATASTROPHIC OR CHRONIC ILLNESS,"** was on the 25th day of April 2019, duly and regularly passed.

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker

Attested:

Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 26th day of April, 2019, at 4:18 o'clock P.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 5/7/2019

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Bill No. 39-35 (COR)
As amended by the Committee on Public Accountability,
Human Resources, and the Guam Buildup.

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AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW ITEM (5) TO § 4109.2(b) OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 4, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL LEAVE THROUGH THE LEAVE SHARING PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYEES CERTIFIED AS HAVING A CATASTROPHIC OR CHRONIC ILLNESS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. A new item (5) is *added* to § 4109.2(b) of Article 1, Chapter 4, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"(5) An employee certified by his or her attending medical doctor as having a catastrophic or chronic illness, including, but not limited to, a heart attack, stroke, and/or cancer, and who requires additional time beyond the two hundred ten (210) working days authorized pursuant to Subsection (b)(4) of this Section for medical treatment or recovery may be authorized additional leave upon approval by his or her respective department director or appointing authority. Authorization of additional leave for an employee certified as having a catastrophic or chronic illness may be granted upon similar certification from the attending medical doctor made within two (2) weeks of the final thirty (30) day period provided in Subsection (b)(4) of this Section confirming the employee is physically unable to return to work."

Section 2. 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.