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HONORABLE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES, Speaker
I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
35th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: Bill No. 231-35 (COR) – *An Act to Amend § 8104(p) of Article 1, Chapter 8, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Including Department of Youth Affairs Youth Service Workers as Uniformed Personnel for Retirement Purposes*

Dear Madame Speaker:

Among those expected to hold P.O.S.T. Commission Category 1 Certification, Youth Service Workers at the Department of Youth Affairs play an integral role in the lives of our young people on a daily basis. Despite their Category 1 status, Youth Service Workers have been left out of the group of government employees uniquely qualified to retire up to five (5) years earlier, based on age, because of their special service in the interest of public safety. While their brothers and sisters in the customs, police, and corrections forces have enjoyed this warranted benefit, they have been excluded from the definition of "uniformed personnel" under the provisions of law governing retirement. This exclusion ends with the signing of Bill No. 231-35, "*An Act to Amend § 8104(p) of Article 1, Chapter 8, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Including Department of Youth Affairs Youth Service Workers as Uniformed Personnel for Retirement Purposes,*" as ***Public Law No. 35-68***.

With this legislation, we recognize the value of the work at the Department of Youth Affairs and the special diligence and care that is required of tending to our most valuable resource -- our young people.

Senseremente,

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Åkto Maga'låhen Guahan
Acting Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 231-35 (COR) *nka Public Law No. 35-68*
cc via email: *Maga'hågan Guåhan;* Compiler of Laws

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I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2020 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 231-35 (COR), "AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 8104(p) OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 8, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCLUDING DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS YOUTH SERVICE WORKERS AS UNIFORMED PERSONNEL FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES,"** was on the 4th day of February 2020, 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 4th day of Feb., 2020, at 4:20 o'clock P.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

FOR
Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 2-13-20

Public Law No. 35-68

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 231-35 (COR)
As amended by the Committee on Public Accountability, Human Resources, and the Guam Buildup; and further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 8104(p) OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 8, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCLUDING DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS YOUTH SERVICE WORKERS AS UNIFORMED PERSONNEL FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that Guam's uniformed personnel are afforded the opportunity to retire from

government service five (5) years earlier, based on age, than the typical public employee.

It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to afford the same retirement opportunity to the Department of Youth Affairs Youth Service Workers by including them as uniformed personnel for retirement purposes and thus maintain the integrity of the law enforcement community.

Section 2. § 8104(p) of Article 1, Chapter 8, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

"(p) Uniformed Personnel means Guam Police Department Officers; Guam Fire Department Firemen; Customs and Quarantine Officers of the Customs and Quarantine Agency; Conservation Officers, Commodity Inspectors, and Entomologists of the Department of Agriculture; Territorial Park Patrol Officers of the Department of Parks and Recreation; Corrections Officers of the Department of Corrections; Airport Police Officers and Security Personnel at the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam; Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Security Personnel; Marshals of the Supreme Court of Guam and the Superior Court of Guam; Probation Officers of the Judiciary of Guam; Firefighters of the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam; and Youth Service Workers of the Department of Youth Affairs engaged in juvenile detention and rehabilitation. In all matters involving the uniformed personnel at the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam, the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port, or the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Supreme Court of Guam and the Superior Court of Guam Marshals, and the Guam Police Department shall have concurrent jurisdiction with such personnel."

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