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12/11/20	5:25 PM	12/11/20	Bill No. 420-35 (LS), signed into law as Public Law No. 35-117.	Office of the Governor of Guam	35GL-20-250

Sinseru yan Minagåhet,

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UFISINAN I MAGA'HÅGA
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HONORABLE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES, *Speaker*
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35th Guam Legislature
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Re: **<u>Bill No. 420-35 (LS)</u> – An Act to *Amend* Section 5(a) of Chapter XI of Public Law 35-99, Relative to Reducing the Appropriation to the Department of Administration for Fiscal Year 2021 to Pay the Cost of Living Allowance; and to *Add* a New Section 12 to Chapter XI of Public Law 35-99, Relative to Appropriating the Sum of Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars ($470,000.00) to the Department of Public Health and Social Services to Fund its Operations in Fiscal Year 2021, which may include, but not be limited to, the Bureau of Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Dear Madame Speaker:

Bill No. 420-35, now known as ***Public Law No. 35-117***, seeks to dedicate funds remaining from a prior appropriation for payment of the Cost of Living Allowance to the Department of Public Health and Social Services ("DPHSS"), in particular recognizing the Bureau of Emerging Infectious Diseases. The Bureau was created to focus efforts and resources to address the COVID-19 pandemic and prepare and inform our island's response to future emerging infectious diseases, the importance of which cannot be overstated in the current crisis. The budget passed in August 2020 severely cut appropriations to DPHSS during this most critical time. I applaud and support this bill's efforts to rededicate available funds to support DPHSS and the Bureau, and I encourage the legislature to pursue other initiatives to support DPHSS through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Senseramente,

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

Enclosure: Bill No. 420-35 (LS) *nka P.L. 35-117*

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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. 420-35 (LS) "AN ACT TO *AMEND* SECTION 5(a) OF CHAPTER XI OF PUBLIC LAW 35-99, RELATIVE TO REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 TO PAY THE COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE; AND TO *ADD* A NEW SECTION 12 TO CHAPTER XI OF PUBLIC LAW 35-99, RELATIVE TO APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($470,000) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO FUND ITS OPERATIONS IN FISCAL YEAR 2021, WHICH MAY INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE BUREAU OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES,"** was on the 1st day of December 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 1st day of December, 2020, at 4:30 o'clock p.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 12/11/2020

Public Law No. 35-117

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Bill No. 420-35 (LS)

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AN ACT TO *AMEND* SECTION 5(a) OF CHAPTER XI OF PUBLIC LAW 35-99, RELATIVE TO REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 TO PAY THE COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE; AND TO *ADD* A NEW SECTION 12 TO CHAPTER XI OF PUBLIC LAW 35-99, RELATIVE TO APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($470,000) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO FUND ITS OPERATIONS IN FISCAL YEAR 2021, WHICH MAY INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE BUREAU OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that Section 5 of Chapter XI of Public Law 35-99 appropriated Fourteen Million Eight Hundred Ninety-eight

Thousand Dollars ($14,898,000) from the General Fund to the Department of Administration to pay the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) for each eligible retiree of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund (GGRF). *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the appropriation made toward the payment of COLA is an estimated total and that there could be a difference in the estimated amount to be paid and the actual amount to be paid. On October 14, 2020, it was announced that the COLA was paid by the GGRF. The GGRF identified that of the amount appropriated, only Fourteen Million Four Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars ($14,428,000) was expended toward the payment of COLA attributable to the appropriation in Section 5 of Chapter XI of Public Law 35-99 leaving approximately Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars ($470,000) remaining in General Fund appropriations.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan intends to appropriate the remaining funds from the General Fund to the Department of Public Health and Social Services for its operations in Fiscal Year 2021, which may include, but not be limited to, the newly created Bureau of Emerging Infectious Diseases.

Section 2. Section 5(a) of Chapter XI of Public Law 35-99 is hereby *amended* to read:

"**Section 5. Appropriation for Cost of Living Allowance (COLA).**

(a) *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* shall provide by a single lump sum payment, a Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) of Two Thousand Dollars (**$2,000**) to each retiree of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund (GGRF) who is retired as of September 30, 2020, or his/her survivor, no later than November 1, 2020. If a retiree is a Defined Benefit and a Defined Contribution retiree, the retiree or his/her survivor shall only be entitled to a single COLA payment. The sum of Fourteen Million Four Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand

Dollars (**$14,428,000**) is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Administration for Fiscal Year 2021, to pay said COLA."

Section 3. A new Section 12 is hereby *added* to Chapter XI of Public Law 35-99 to read:

"**Section 12. Appropriation to the Department of Public Health and Social Services.** The sum of Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (**$470,000**) is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Health and Social Services for its operations in Fiscal Year 2021, which may include, but not be limited to, the Bureau of Emerging Infectious Diseases. This appropriation is not subject to transfer or use for any other purpose other than those identified in this Section."

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.