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BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES	NOTES
205-36 (LS) As amended on the Floor.	Joe S. San Agustin V. Anthony Ada Frank Blas Jr. Joanne Brown Christopher M. Dueñas James C. Moylan Tina Rose Muña Barnes Telena Cruz Nelson Sabina Flores Perez Clynton E. Ridgell Amanda L. Shelton Telo T. Taitague Jose "Pedo" Terlaje Therese M. Terlaje Mary Camacho Torres	AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW SUBSECTION (8) TO § 15401(a) OF ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 15, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE GUAM ETHICS COMMISSION TO RETAIN LEGAL SERVICES.	9/29/21 1:08 p.m.	10/1/21	Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing	10/11/21 9:00 a.m.	10/20/21 1:21 p.m.	Request: 10/5/21 10/12/21	

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12/6/21	AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW SUBSECTION (8) TO § 15401(a) OF ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 15, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE GUAM ETHICS COMMISSION TO RETAIN LEGAL SERVICES.	12/15/21	12/15/21	12/27/21	36-67	12/27/21	Received: 12/28/21 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 36GL-21-1456

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December 27, 2021

HONORABLE THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
36th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: BILL NO. 205-36 (LS) – An Act to *Add* a New Subsection (8) to § 15401(a) of Article 4, Chapter 15, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Authorizing the Guam Ethics Commission to Retain Legal Services

Dear Madame Speaker,

Two decades after it was established in law, the Guam Ethics Commission empaneled its first members after I made its initial appointments in 2019. Earlier this year, the Commission named its first executive director, who has been working diligently to set up operations and enable the Commission to undertake all of its statutorily assigned responsibilities. For the purpose of carrying out its mandate, the Commission has determined that it requires the provision of legal services. Bill No. 205-36 fills this need and is now known as ***Public Law No. 36-67***. We look forward to the good work of the Commission in advancing the level of professionalism and ethical conduct across the government of Guam.

Senseremente,

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

Enclosure: Bill No. 205-36 (LS) *nka P.L. No. 36-67*

cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*
Compiler of Laws

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 205-36 (LS), "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW SUBSECTION (8) TO § 15401(a) OF ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 15, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE GUAM ETHICS COMMISSION TO RETAIN LEGAL SERVICES,"** was on the 15th day of December 2021, duly and regularly passed.

Therese M. Terlaje

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Speaker

Attested:

Amanda Shelton

Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 15th day of December, 2021, at 6:50 o'clock P .M.

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Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero

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Date: 12/27/2021

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Guam Ethics Commission is an independent and autonomous entity within the Government of Guam with the authority to adjudicate complaints against government officials who may have violated the ethical code of conduct.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan also finds it is essential that the Guam Ethics Commission is supported by an independent counsel to adequately address such complaints against public officials in accordance with Chapter 15 of Title 4, Guam Code Annotated.

Therefore, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends to authorize the Guam Ethics Commission to retain legal services in support of its operations in hearing and adjudicating ethics complaints against Government of Guam officials.

Section 2. A new Subsection (8) is hereby *added* to § 15401(a) of Article 4, Chapter 15, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"(8) It may retain one (1) or more attorneys, who shall be admitted to practice before the courts of Guam, who shall advise the Commission and its Executive Director on all legal matters pertaining to the Commission. The designated counsel shall represent the Commission in litigation in which the Commission is interested or involved. The terms, conditions, and compensation of employment of any such attorney shall be determined by the Commission, and the attorney(s) shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commission is authorized to pay for billable hours performed under the legal contract issued in Fiscal Year 2021 utilizing funds appropriated to the Guam Ethics Commission by the Guam Legislature in Fiscal Year 2022."

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