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#### I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES	NOTES
	Tina Rose Muña Barnes Telena Cruz Nelson Joe S. San Agustin Mary Camacho Torres	AN ACT TO AMEND § 11105 OF CHAPTER 11, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ALLOWING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION TO RECEIVE AND ADMINISTER GRANTS AND ENTER INTO INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS AND TO ESTABLISHING AN ELDER LAW CENTER WITHIN THE CORPORATION TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR GUAM'S ELDERLY POPULATION.	3/29/21 1:52 p.m.	4/1/21	Committee on Air Transportation, Parks, Tourism, Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth, and Senior Citizens	4/9/21 9:00 a.m.	4/15/21 11:39 a.m. As amended by the Committee on Air Transportation, Parks, Tourism, Higher Education and	Request: 4/2/21 Waiver: 4/6/21	
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	4/23/21	AN ACT TO AMEND § 11105 OF CHAPTER 11, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ALLOWING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION TO RECEIVE AND ADMINISTER GRANTS AND ENTER INTO INTRAGOVERNMENTAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS, AND TO ESTABLISH AN ELDER LAW CENTER WITHIN THE CORPORATION TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO GUAM'S ELDERLY POPULATION.	4/30/21	4/30/21	5/12/21				

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## I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN Thirty-Sixth Guam Legislature

April 30, 2021

The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero I Maga'hågan Guåhan Ufisinan I Maga'håga Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Maga'håga Leon Guerrero:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 2-36 (LS) 48-36 (COR), 51-36 (COR), 63-36 (LS), 86-36 (COR), 94-36 (LS), and 100-36 (COR), which were passed by *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on April 30, 2021.

Sincerely,

AMANDA L. SHELTON Legislative Secretary

Enclosure (7)

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# I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

# CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'HÂGAN GUÂHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 100-36 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 11105 OF CHAPTER 11, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ALLOWING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION TO RECEIVE AND ADMINISTER GRANTS AND ENTER INTO INTRAGOVERNMENTAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS, AND TO ESTABLISH AN ELDER LAW CENTER WITHIN THE CORPORATION TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO GUAM'S ELDERLY POPULATION," was on the 30th day of April 2021, duly and regularly passed.

Speaker Attested: Legislative Secretary This Act was received by I Maga'hågan Guåhan this 30 day of April, 2021, at <u>7:37</u> o'clock <u>f</u>.M. Maga'håga's Office APPROVED: Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero I Maga'hågan Guåhan Date: Public Law No.

## I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

#### Bill No. 100-36 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Air Transportation, Parks, Tourism, Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens; and further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO AMEND § 11105 OF CHAPTER 11, TITLE 12, **GUAM** CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ALLOWING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER **SERVICE** CORPORATION TO RECEIVE AND ADMINISTER GRANTS AND ENTER INTO INTRAGOVERNMENTAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS, AND TO ESTABLISH AN ELDER LAW CENTER WITHIN THE CORPORATION TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO GUAM'S ELDERLY POPULATION.

#### 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that there is a need to provide avenues for civil legal aid and other services to assist

1 Guam's elderly population. Local resources to fund these programs are limited, but

2 federal grants to support them may be available. I Liheslatura finds that the Public

3 Defender Service Corporation (Corporation), if allowed to apply, receive, and

4 administer federal grants reserved for those populations, will be uniquely situated to

fill the gaps in legal services for the vulnerable, underserved, and under-represented

6 members of our community who need them the most.

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7 I Liheslatura further finds that the Corporation, the Department of Public 8 Health and Social Services (DPHSS), and the Guam Legal Services Corporation 9 have been in talks to establish an Elder Law Center (Center) within the auspices of 10 the Corporation. The Center would be funded by an existing One Hundred Ninety 11 Thousand Dollar (\$190,000) federal grant meant to provide legal services to the 12 elderly. The DPHSS reports that there are over four hundred (400) manåmko' 13 (elderly) who are currently awaiting legal services that this grant could provide; and 14 I Liheslatura finds that governmental and non-profit corporations, including the 15 Corporation, the Guam Legal Services Corporation, and the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation, are ready, willing, and able to provide services to qualified 16 17 individuals with funding from this grant.

ILiheslatura further finds that to effectuate this service, the enabling language of the Corporation must be amended to clarify that, notwithstanding any existing moratoriums or existing law, the Corporation is able to apply for, receive, and administer grants and subgrants, and enter into intragovernmental and intergovernmental agreements, including, but not limited to, grants to provide protective orders and legal services for the elderly. I Liheslatura finds that our manåmko' (elderly), the bedrock of our community, deserve quality legal services that could be duly provided by the hard-working and diligent staff of the Corporation, whose express mission already includes the representation of people who are unable to afford an attorney in private practice.

Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to amend § 11105 of Chapter 11, Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, to allow the Public Defender Service Corporation to receive and administer grants and enter into intragovernmental and intergovernmental agreements to provide legal services to Guam's elderly population.

**Section 2.** § 11105 of Chapter 11, Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

### "§ 11105. Same: Civil Matters.

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The Corporation shall render legal aid and assistance to those persons in Guam, who, under rules established by the Corporation, are in the greatest economic and social need of legal assistance and representation. The Corporation shall not accept fee-generating cases and shall give legal assistance in civil matters only to those who would otherwise not receive such assistance. The Corporation may apply for, receive, and administer grants, subgrants or enter into intragovernmental and intergovernmental agreements to provide legal services to elderly individuals, as defined pursuant to local or federal laws, regulations, or guidelines. The Corporation is authorized to comply with the requirements of federal grants, subgrants, and intragovernmental and intergovernmental agreements, include representation of individuals who may qualify for services pursuant to the terms of federal grants, subgrants, and intragovernmental and intergovernmental agreements."

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