#### 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
335-36 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje	AN ACT TO AMEND §84101, §84103, §84104, §84105, §84107, §84110, §84111, §84112, AND §84122, ADD A NEW § 84124; AND TO FURTHER REPEAL AND REENACT §84102, ALL OF CHAPTER 84, TITLE 10, GUANN CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO UPDATING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVISIONS IN GUAM LAW, ESTABLISHING INITIAL LICENSURE FEES, AND ELIGIBILITY, TRAINING, AND SKILL REQUIREMENTS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL	12:21 p.m.	9/23/22	Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture	10/4/22 10:00 a.m.	10/13/22 2:23 p.m. As Amended by the Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture	Request: 9/26/22 10/4/22	
As amended by the Committee on Health,	SESSION DATE	TITLE	DATE PASSED	TRANSMITTED	DUE DATE		NOTES		
Land, Justice, and Culture; and further amended on the Floor.	10/21/22	AN ACT TO AMEND \$\$ 84101, 84103, 84104, 84105, 84107, 84110, 84111, 84112, AND 84122; TO REFRELAND REENACT \$84102; AND TO AD A NEW \$84124, ALL OF CHAPTER 84, TITL 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO UPDATING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVISIONS IN GUAM LAW; AND ESTABLISHING INITIAL LICENSURE FEES AND ELIGIBILITY, TRAINING, AND SKILL REQUIREMENTS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL.		10/28/22	11/9/22				





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

October 28, 2022

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. 248-36 (COR), 262-36 (LS), 297-36 (LS), 311-36 (COR), 319-36 (COR), 335-36 (COR), and 340-36 (LS) which were passed by *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on October 28, 2022.

ncerely, AMANDAL. SHELTON

Legislative Secretary

Enclosure (7)

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## *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* 2022 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Bill No. 335-36 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 84101, 84103, 84104, 84105, 84107, 84110, 84111, 84112, AND 84122; TO REPEAL AND REENACT § 84102; AND TO ADD A NEW § 84124, ALL OF CHAPTER 84, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO UPDATING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVISIONS IN GUAM LAW; AND ESTABLISHING INITIAL LICENSURE FEES AND ELIGIBILITY, TRAINING, AND SKILL REQUIREMENTS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL," was on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022, duly and regularly passed.

Therese M. Terlai

Speaker

Attested: Shelton **Legislative Secretary** 

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this  $20^{147}$  day of 0cf, 2022, at <u>6.19</u> o'clock <u>P</u>.M.

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APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date:

Public Law No.\_\_\_\_\_

## I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2022 (SECOND) Regular Session

#### Bill No. 335-36 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture; and further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 84101, 84103, 84104, 84105, 84107, 84110, 84111, 84112, AND 84122; TO REPEAL AND REENACT § 84102; AND TO ADD A NEW § 84124, ALL OF CHAPTER 84, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, **RELATIVE TO UPDATING EMERGENCY MEDICAL** SERVICES PROVISIONS IN GUAM LAW: AND ESTABLISHING INITIAL LICENSURE FEES AND ELIGIBILITY, TRAINING, AND **SKILL** REQUIREMENTS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL.

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

2 Section 1. § 84101 of Chapter 84, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is 3 *amended* to read as follows:

1 **"§ 84101.** Intent. 2 *I Liheslaturan Guahan* hereby declares that: 3 (a) the provision of emergency medical services is a matter of 4 vital concern affecting the public health, safety and welfare of the 5 people of Guam; 6 it is the purpose of this Chapter to establish, promote and (b) 7 maintain a comprehensive emergency medical services system 8 throughout the island. The system will provide for the arrangement of 9 personnel, facilities, and equipment for the effective and coordinated 10 delivery of health care services under emergency conditions, whether 11 occurring as the result of a patient's condition or of natural disasters or 12 other causes. The system shall also provide for personnel, personnel 13 communications, emergency transportation, training. facilities. 14 coordination with emergency medical and critical care services, coordination and use of available public safety agencies, promotion of 15 consumer participation, accessibility to care, mandatory standard 16 17 medical recordkeeping, consumer information and education, 18 independent review and evaluation, disaster linkage, mutual aid 19 agreements, and other components necessary to meet the purposes of this part; 20

(c) it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to assure the island
community that prompt, efficient and effective emergency medical
services will be provided as mandated by Public Law 17-78, § 72105
which states that the Guam Fire Department shall have the authority
and responsibility of operating an emergency medical and rescue
services system. Therefore, *I Liheslatura* recognizes the Guam Fire
Department in its role as the designated central agency for the overall

1 operation of the island's enhanced 911 emergency medical services 2 system. Furthermore, ILiheslatura finds that in order for the Guam Fire 3 Department to provide prompt, efficient and effective quality 4 emergency medical care, coordination between EMS agencies and the 5 EMS Commission is a key element in a functioning EMS System; and 6 (d) it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* in enacting this Chapter to 7 prescribe and exercise the degree of government of Guam direction and 8 supervision over emergency medical services as will provide for the 9 government of Guam action immunity under federal antitrust laws for 10 activities undertaken by local governmental entities in carrying out 11 their prescribed functions under this Chapter." § 84102 of Chapter 84, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is 12 Section 2. 13 hereby *repealed* and *reenacted* to read: 14 "§ 84102. **Definitions.** 15 Unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions contained in this 16 Chapter shall govern the provisions of this Commission: 17 (a) Administrator means the Administrator or his/her 18 designee of the DPHSS Office of EMS Administrative Office created 19 under this Chapter. Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) is a course of 20 (b)instruction designed to prepare students in the practice of advanced 21 22 emergency cardiac care. 23 (c)Advance Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) 24 provides basic and limited advanced emergency medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the 25 emergency medical system. This individual possesses the basic 26 27 knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and

transportation. Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians function as 1 part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. 2 3 Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians perform interventions with 4 the basic and advanced equipment typically found on an ambulance. 5 The Advanced Emergency Medical Technician is a link from the scene 6 to the emergency health care system. 7 (d)Ambulance is any conveyance on land, sea or air used or 8 is intended to be used for the purpose of responding to emergency life-9 threatening situations and providing emergency transportation services. Basic Cardiac Life Support (BLS/CPR) is a course of 10 (e) instruction designed to prepare students in cardiopulmonary 11 12 resuscitation techniques. 13 (f)Certificate or Certification means authorization in written 14 form issued by the Administrator to provide emergency medical assistance on the scene, enroute, and at designated emergency medical 15 16 facilities. 17 Commission means the Guam Emergency Medical (g) 18 Services Commission created under this Chapter. 19 (h)Continuing Education means education required for the renewal of a certificate or registration. 20 21 (i) Department of Transportation (DOT) is a federal agency mandated to establish minimum standards for provisions of care for 22 victims. 23 24 Department (DPHSS OEMS) is the Guam Department of (j) 25 Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) Office of EMS. 26 *E-911* means "Enhanced" 911. (k)

 Education Program Standards means DOT and NHTSA approved National EMS Educational Standards that shall be met by state-recognized EMS education programs.

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(m) *Emergency* means any actual or self-perceived event which threatens the life, limb, or well-being of an individual in such a manner that immediate medical or public safety care is needed.

(n) *Emergency Ambulance Service* means the transportation of injured/ill patients by ambulance and the administration of emergency medical services to injured/ill patients before or during such transportation.

11 *Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD)* - An emergency (0)12 medical dispatcher is a professional telecommunicator tasked with the 13 gathering of information related to medical emergencies, the provision 14 of assistance and instructions by voice prior to the arrival of emergency medical services (EMS), and the dispatching and support of EMS 15 resources responding to an emergency call. The term "emergency 16 medical dispatcher" is also a certification level and a professional 17 18 designation, certified through the Association of Public-Safety 19 Communications Officials-International (APSCOI) or the National Academies of Emergency Dispatch. 20

21 Responder Medical (p) Emergency (EMR) provides 22 immediate lifesaving care to critical patients who access the emergency medical services system. EMRs have the knowledge and skills 23 24 necessary to provide immediate lifesaving interventions while awaiting additional EMS resources to arrive. EMRs also provide assistance to 25 26 higher-level personnel at the scene of emergencies and during transport. Emergency Medical Responders are a vital part of the comprehensive 27

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EMS response. Under medical oversight, Emergency Medical Responders perform basic interventions with minimal equipment.

3 (q) *Emergency Medical Service Facility* is a facility that is 4 certified and operated under the Government Code of Guam, and is 5 equipped, prepared, and staffed to provide medical care for emergency 6 patients appropriate to its classification that evaluates and stabilizes a 7 medical condition of a recent onset and severity, including severe pain, 8 psychiatric disturbances, or symptoms of substance abuse, that would lead a prudent layperson possessing an average knowledge of medicine 9 10 and health to believe that the person's condition, sickness, or injury is 11 of such a nature that failure to get immediate medical care could result 12 in death or dismemberment.

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) provides out of 13  $(\mathbf{r})$ hospital emergency medical care and transportation for critical and 14 15 emergent patients who access the emergency medical services (EMS) system. EMTs have the basic knowledge and skills necessary to 16 17 stabilize and safely transport patients ranging from non-emergency and routine medical transports to life threatening emergencies. Emergency 18 19 Medical Technicians function as part of a comprehensive EMS 20 response system, under medical oversight. Emergency Medical 21 Technicians perform interventions with the basic equipment typically 22 found on an ambulance. Emergency Medical Technicians are a critical link between the scene of an emergency and the health care system. 23

(s) *Emergency Medical Services (EMS)* means services designated by the Commission as providing emergency medical assistance on the scene, enroute, and at designated EMS facilities.

 (t) Emergency Medical Services Commission is the Guam Emergency Medical Services Commission as created under Article 1, Public Law 14-11.

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(u) Emergency Medical Services Coordinator is an individual designated to serve as a liaison officer for EMS inter-agencies, i.e., Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, Department of Public Works – Office of Highway Safety, Guam Community College, Civil Defense, and EMS/Rescue Bureau of the Guam Fire Department. The person shall coordinate didactyl and clinical instructions and oversee the student clinical activities

(v) *EMS Education Center* is a state-recognized provider of
 initial courses, EMS continuing education topics, and/or refresher
 courses that qualify individuals for state and/or National Registry EMR,
 EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic or EMD provider certification.

(w) *EMS Education Group* is a state-recognized provider of
EMS continuing education topics and/or refresher courses that qualify
individuals for initial or renewal of a state and/or National Registry
EMR, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic or EMD certification.

19 (x) EMS Medical Director, for the purposes of these rules, is 20 a Guam licensed physician in good standing who authorizes and directs, 21 through protocols and standing orders, the performance of students-in-22 training enrolled in a DOT and NHTSA National EMS Education Standard recognized program and/or EMS license holders who perform 23 24 medical acts, and who is specifically identified as being responsible to 25 assure the performance competency of those EMS Providers as 26 described in the DOT and NHTSA National EMS Educational 27 Standards.

(y) *EMSC Program* means the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.

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(z) *EMS Provider* means an individual who holds a valid emergency medical service provider certificate issued by the state and/ or NREMT, and includes Emergency Medical Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, and Paramedic.

(aa) First Responder Homeland Security Act of 2002 refers to
 "emergency response providers" that includes, federal, state, and local government emergency public safety, law enforcement, emergency response, emergency medical, and related personnel, agencies, and authorities.

13 (bb) *First Responder* means those individuals who in the early 14 stages of an incident are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence, and the environment, including emergency 15 16 response providers as defined in Section 2 of the Homeland Security 17 Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101), as well as emergency management, public 18 health, clinical care, public works, and other skilled support personnel 19 (such as equipment operators) that provide immediate support services 20 during prevention, response, and recovery operations.

(cc) *Initial Certification* means a first time application for and
issuance by the state and/or NREMT of a certificate at any level as an
EMS provider. This shall include applications received from persons
holding any level of EMS certification issued by the NREMT who are
applying for either a higher or lower-level certificate.

26(dd) Initial Course is a course of study based on the DOT and27NHSTA approved curriculum that meets the National EMS Education

1 Standard requirements for issuance of a certificate or registration for 2 the first time. 3 (ee) Initial Registration means a first time application for and 4 issuance by the DPHSS Office of EMS of a registration as an EMD, EMR, EMT, AEMT or Paramedic. This shall include applications 5 received from persons holding any level of EMS certification issued by 6 7 the state and/or NREMT who are applying for registration. 8 (ff) Letter of Admonition is a form of disciplinary sanction that 9 is placed in an EMS provider's file, and represents an adverse action 10 against the certificate holder. 11 (gg) License or Licensure is an authorization in written form 12 issued by the Administrator to a person to furnish, operate, conduct, 13 maintain, advertise, or otherwise engage in providing EMS Services. 14 (hh) *License* means certificate or certification. Mass Casualty Incident is defined as an incident in which 15 (ii) EMS resources, such as personnel and equipment, are overwhelmed by 16 the number and severity of casualties. 17 18 (ii) Medical Direction On-Line means advice, assistance, 19 supervision, and control provided from a state designated regional 20 medical facility staffed by emergency physicians supplying professional support through radio, telephonic, or any written or oral 21 communication for on-site and in-transit basic and advanced life 22 support services given by prehospital field personnel. 23 24 (kk) National Registry Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT) is an individual who has a current and valid EMT license 25 26 issued by the DPHSS Office of EMS who meets the requirements 27 established under Chapter 84, Public Law 14-11, who is authorized to

provide basic emergency medical care in accordance with the rules pertaining to EMS Practice and Medical Director Oversight, and meets the specialized training requirements as established by the U.S. DOT and NHTSA in the National EMS Educational Standards EMT Level. For the purposes of these rules, EMT includes the historic EMS Provider level of EMT. This definition will apply to this term or any future changes established by the U.S. DOT.

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(11) National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) is constructed using methodology similar to that of the American Board of Medical Specialties.

(mm) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is a U.S. DOT agency leading the federal role in the creation of national standard curricula for EMRs, EMT-Bs, AEMTs and Paramedics defining the necessary components and training of an EMS System.

16 (nn) National Registry Advance Emergency Medical 17 Technician (NRAEMT) is an individual who has a current and valid 18 AEMT license issued by the DPHSS Office of EMS who meets the 19 requirements established under Chapter 84, Public Law 14-11, who is authorized to provide advance emergency medical care in accordance 20 21 with the rules pertaining to EMS Practice and Medical Director Oversight, and meets the specialized training requirements as 22 established by the U.S. DOT and NHTSA in the National EMS 23 24 Educational Standards for the AEMT Level. This definition will apply 25 to this term or any future changes established by the U.S. DOT.

(00) National Registry Emergency Medical Responder (NREMR) is an individual who has successfully completed the training and examination requirements for emergency medical responders and who provides assistance to the injured or ill until more highly trained and qualified personnel arrive.

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(pp) National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) is a national non-governmental organization that certifies entry-level (EMR, EMT, AEMT and Paramedic) and ongoing competency of EMS providers.

8 (qq) National Registry Paramedic (NRP) is an individual who 9 has a current and valid Paramedic license issued by the DPHSS Office 10 of EMS who meets the requirements established under Chapter 84, 11 Public Law 14-11, who is authorized to provide critical advance 12 emergency medical care in accordance with the rules pertaining to EMS 13 Practice and Medical Director Oversight, and meets the specialized 14 training requirements as established by the U.S. DOT and NHTSA in the National EMS Educational Standards for the Paramedic Level. This 15 16 definition will apply to this term or any future changes established by the U.S. DOT. 17

(rr) Non-Emergency Medical Transport - Non-emergency
 medical transportation is a form of medical transportation which is
 provided in non-emergency situations to people who require special
 medical attention, e.g., para-transits, vans w/ wheelchair access and
 passenger service vehicles.

23 (ss) Office of Emergency Medical Services is the
24 Administrative Office of EMS within the Department of Public Health
25 and Social Services.

26(tt)*Paramedic* is an allied health professional whose primary27focus is to provide advanced emergency medical care for critical and

1 emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. This 2 individual possesses the complex knowledge and skills necessary to 3 provide patient care and transportation. Paramedics function as part of 4 a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. Paramedics 5 perform interventions with the basic and advanced equipment typically 6 found on an ambulance. The Paramedic is a link from the scene into the 7 health care system. 8 (uu) Pediatric Advance Life Support (PALS) is a course 9 instruction designed to prepare students in the practice of advance 10 pediatric emergency cardiac care. 11 (vv) Practical or Psychomotor Skills Examination is a skills 12 test conducted at the end of an initial course and prior to application for 13 national certification or state licensure. 14 (ww) *Provisional Certification* is a certification, valid for not more than one (1) year, that may be issued by the state and/or NREMT 15 16 to an EMS PROVIDER applicant seeking certification. 17 (xx) Provisional Registration is a registration, valid for not more than one (1) year, that may be issued by the state and/or NREMT 18 19 to an EMT applicant seeking registration. (yy) Refresher Course is a course of study based on the U.S. 20 21 Department of Transportation approved curriculum that contributes in part to the education requirements for renewal of a license or 22 23 registration. 24 (zz) Registered Emergency Medical Responder (REMR) is an 25 individual who has successfully completed the training and 26 examination requirements for EMRs based on a U.S. DOT and NHSTA 27 National EMS Education Standard recognized program who provides

1 assistance to the injured or ill until more highly trained and qualified 2 personnel arrive, and who is registered with the DPHSS Office of EMS. 3 Rules Pertaining to EMS Practice and Medical Director (aaa) 4 Oversight means rules adopted by the EMS Administrator and/or 5 Medical Director of DPHSS and the Office of EMS upon the advice of 6 the EMS Commission that establishes the responsibilities of Medical 7 Directors and all authorized acts of EMS license holders. 8 Shall means compliance is mandatory. (bbb) 9 (ccc)*Tele-Communicator* operates communication equipment 10 to receive incoming calls for assistance, and dispatches personnel and 11 equipment to the scene of an emergency; and operates a telephone 12 console to receive incoming calls for assistance. 13 Treatment Protocol means written guidelines (also (ddd) 14 known as Off-line Medical Direction) approved by the EMS Medical 15 Director providing pre-hospital personnel with a standardized approach 16 to commonly encountered patient problems that is related to medical or 17 trauma, thus encountering immediate care." §§ 84103(b)(1) and (c) of Chapter 84, Title 10, Guam Code 18 Section 3. 19 Annotated, are hereby *amended* to read: 20 Guam Emergency Medical Services Administrative **"8 84103.** Office. 21 22 (a) There is hereby created, within the Department of Public Health and Social Services, a Guam Emergency Medical Services Administrative 23 24 Office called the Office of Emergency Medical Services (Office of EMS). 25 (b)The Office shall plan, establish, implement, administer, 26 maintain, and evaluate the Guam comprehensive emergency medical services 27 system to serve the emergency health needs of the people of Guam in an

organized pattern of readiness and response services based on public and private agreements and operational procedures.

(1) The Office, in the implementation of this part of the plan, will coordinate, and provide assistance to all entities and agencies, public and private, involved in the EMS system (i.e., the Guam Community College, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority).

7 (2) All emergency medical services, ambulance services, and
8 private non-emergent transport services conducted are under the
9 authority of the Office of EMS and shall be consistent with this Chapter.

10 The Office of EMS shall be responsible for the implementation (c) 11 of advanced life support systems, limited advanced life support systems, 12 community outreach programs, and for the monitoring of training programs. 13 The Office of EMS shall be responsible for determining that the operation of 14 training programs based on the U.S. DOT and NHSTA EMS Educational 15 Standards at the NREMR, NREMT, NRAMT and NRP levels are in 16 compliance with this Chapter, and shall approve the training programs if they 17 are found to be in compliance with this Chapter."

18 Section 4. § 84104 of Chapter 84, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is
19 amended to read:

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#### "§ 84104. Administration.

The Administrator of the DPHSS Office of EMS shall serve as the Executive Secretary of the Guam EMS Commission. The Administrator shall, at each EMS Commission meeting, report to the Commission its observations and recommendations relative to its review of ambulance services, emergency medical care, basic and advanced life support techniques, and public participation in EMS programs. The Administrator shall designate an

individual to be an "Emergency Medical Services Coordinator" to be a liaison
 official for EMS inter-agencies."

3 Section 5. § 84105 of Chapter 84, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is
4 amended, to read:

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"§ 84105. The Office of EMS Administrative Composition; Duties, and Responsibilities.

The Office of EMS Administrative Office shall be composed of a fulltime salaried Administrator and sufficient supporting staff to efficiently fulfill the purpose of the emergency medical services system. The Administrator shall:

11 (a) implement emergency medical services regulations and
12 standards;

13 (b)develop and promote, in cooperation with local public and 14 private organizations and persons, a Program for the provision of 15 emergency medical services and to set policies for the provision of such 16 services. The Administrator shall explore the possibility of 17 coordinating emergency medical services with like services in the 18 military, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the 19 Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, and the United 20 States:

(c) the Office of EMS shall develop plans, implement
guidelines, and assess all current emergency medical services
capability and performance, and the established programs, to remedy
identified deficiencies through the development and periodic revision
of a Comprehensive Plan for emergency medical services. The Plan
shall include, but not be limited to:

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(1) emergency medical services personnel and training;

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**Office:** 

1 (2)emergency medical services facilities assessment; (3) emergency medical services transportation and 2 3 related equipment; 4 (4) telecommunications and communications; 5 (5)interagency coordination and cooperation; 6 (6) system organization and management; 7 (7) data collection, and management and evaluation; 8 (8) public information and education; and 9 (9) disaster response. develop emergency medical services regulations and 10 (d) 11 standards, emergency medical services facilities, personnel, equipment, 12 supplies, and communications facilities and locations as may be 13 required to establish and maintain an adequate system of emergency 14 medical services: the Office of EMS shall provide technical assistance for 15 (e) 16 the coordination and approval of training to existing agencies, 17 organizations, and private entities for the purpose of developing the 18 components of implementing emergency medical services described in 19 this Chapter; 20 (f)the Office of EMS shall be responsible for determining 21 that the operation of training programs at the NREMR, NREMT, 22 NAEMT and NRP levels are in compliance with this Chapter, and shall 23 review and approve curricula and syllabi of training courses or

programs offered to EMS personnel who provide basic, intermediate,

and advanced emergency medical services; consult with the Guam

Community College, the Guam Fire Department Training Center, and

any training service provider or professional organization that provides

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emergency medical services training for responder, basic, intermediate, advanced life support and paramedic;

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(g) establish and maintain standards for emergency medical services course instructor qualifications and requirements for emergency medical services training facilities, instructors, and competency-based curriculum;

(h) collect and evaluate data for the continued evaluation of the Guam EMS System through a quality improvement program;

(i) coordinate emergency medical resources, such as Disaster Teams comprised of NREMR, NREMT, NAEMT and NRP and Licensed Registered Nurses employed by the government of Guam agencies, and the allocation of the Guam EMS System's services and facilities in the event of mass casualties, natural disasters, national emergencies, and other emergencies, ensuring linkage to local and national disaster plans, and participation in exercise to test these plans;

(j) implement public information and education programs to
inform the public of the Guam EMS System and its use, and
disseminate other emergency medical information, including
appropriate methods of medical self-help and first-aid training
programs on the island;

(k) collaborate with the Emergency Medical ServicesCommission on matters pertaining to the implementation of thisChapter;

(1) develop an effective emergency medical services
communication system in cooperation with concerned public and
private organizations and persons. The communication system shall
include, but is not limited to:

1 (1)programs aimed at locating accidents and acute 2 illnesses on and off the roadways and directly reporting such information to the responding agency; 3 4 (2)direct ambulance communication with the 5 emergency medical services facility; 6 (3) minimum standards and regulations on 7 communication for all appropriate medical components; 8 (4)assist in the development of an enhanced 911 9 emergency telephone system; and 10 establish the standards and provide training for (5)dispatchers in the EMS System, and maintain a program of 11 12 quality improvement for dispatch equipment and operations; 13 regulate, inspect, certify, and re-certify emergency (m)medical facilities, 14 services personnel, equipment, supplies. 15 ambulances, advanced life support vehicles, ambulance, emergency 16 ambulance services, private non-emergent medical transport vehicle 17 providers, private communications facilities and locations engaged in 18 providing emergency medical services under this Chapter; 19 (n) the Office of EMS may contract for the provision of emergency medical services or any necessary component of an 20 21 emergency medical services system; 22 (0)establish rules and regulations for the contract of, use, license, standards, liability, equipment and supplies, personnel 23 certifications and revocation or suspension processes for ambulance 24 25 service, emergency ambulance service and non-emergent medical 26 transport vehicle;

1 establish criteria necessary to maintain certification as (p) 2 emergency medical services personnel, which shall include, but not be 3 limited to, the following: 4 (1)a formal program of continuing education; 5 (2)a minimum period of service as emergency medical 6 services personnel; and 7 re-certification at regular intervals, which shall (3) 8 include a performance examination and may include written 9 examinations and skills proficiency exam; 10 (q) apply for, receive, and accept gifts, bequests, grants-inaid, and federal aid, and other forms of financial assistance to carry out 11 this Chapter; 12 13 (r) prepare budgets, maintain fiscal integrity, and disburse 14 funds for emergency medical services; 15 establish a schedule of fees to provide courses of (s) 16 instruction and training for certification and/or recertification in an amount sufficient to cover the reasonable costs of administering the 17 18 certification and/or recertification provisions of the Office of EMS. (1)The EMS Commission shall annually evaluate fees 19 20 to determine if the fee is sufficient to fund the actual costs of the 21 Office of EMS Certification and/or Recertification program. If 22 the evaluation shows that the fees are excessive or are insufficient to fund the actual costs of these programs, then the 23 24 fees will be adjusted accordingly pursuant to the Administrative 25 Adjudication Law (AAL). Any funds appropriated shall not be 26 subject to I Maga'låhen Guåhan's transfer authority and all

1 monies not used in the fiscal year will be rolled over into the next 2 fiscal year; 3 Initial fee schedules subject to amendment pursuant (A) 4 to the AAL: 5 (i) for initial licensure applications the fee 6 schedule is: Basic level application fee (NREMR or 7 NREMT) - \$75.00; Advanced level application fee (NRAEMT or NRP) - \$125.00; 8 9 (ii) for applicants completing renewal within one 10 hundred twenty (120) days prior to expiration date, the fee schedule is: Basic level application fee (NREMR or 11 NREMT) - \$50.00; Advanced level application fee 12 (NRAEMT or NRP) - \$75.00; 13 (iii) for applicants completing renewal within 14 15 sixty (60) days prior to expiration date, the fee schedule is: 16 Basic level application fee (NREMR or NREMT) -17 \$75.00; Advanced level application fee (NRAEMT or NRP) - \$100.00; 18 19 (iv) for applicants completing renewal within 20 thirty (30) days prior to expiration date, the fee schedule is: Basic level application fee (NREMR or NREMT) -21 22 \$75.00; Advanced level application fee (NRAEMT or 23 NRP) - \$125.00; 24 for applicants completing renewal within  $(\mathbf{v})$ 25 ninety (90) days after expiration date, the fee schedule is: 26 Basic level application fee (NREMR or NREMT) -

1	\$100.00; Advanced level application fee (NRAEMT or
2	NRP) - \$150.00;
. 3	(t) promote programs for the education of the general public
4	in first aid and emergency medical services and the community
5	paramedic outreach program;
6	(u) the Office of EMS shall, consistent with such plan,
7	coordinate and otherwise facilitate arrangements necessary to develop
8	the emergency medical services system;
9	(v) the Office of EMS will submit requests for grants for
10	federal, state, or private funds concerning emergency medical services
11	or related activities in its EMS area;
12	(w) the Office of EMS shall submit quarterly reports to the
13	EMS Commission of its review on the operations of each of the
14	following:
15	(1) ambulance services operating within Guam; and
16	(2) emergency medical care offered within Guam,
17	including programs for training large numbers of people in
18	cardiopulmonary resuscitation and lifesaving first aid
19	techniques;
20	(x) the Office of EMS may assist in the implementation of
21	Guam's poison information program, including the provision of the
22	Guam Memorial Hospital Authority's Poison Center;
23	(y) establish and maintain standards for emergency medical
24	services course instructor qualifications and requirements for
25	emergency medical services training facilities; and

1	(z) the Office of EMS will develop and incorporate an EMSC
2	Program in the Guam EMS Plan. The EMSC component shall include,
3	but not be limited to, the following:
4	(1) EMSC system planning, implementation, and
5	management;
6	(2) injury and illness prevention planning that includes,
7	among other things, coordination, education, and data collection;
8	(3) care rendered to patients outside the hospital;
9	(4) emergency department care;
10	(5) interfacility consultation, transfer, and transport;
11	(6) pediatric critical care and pediatric trauma services;
12	(7) general trauma centers with pediatric
13	considerations;
14	(8) pediatric rehabilitation plans that include, among
15	other things, data collection and evaluation, education on early
16	detection of need for referral, and proper referral of pediatric
17	patients;
18	(9) children with special EMS needs outside the
19	hospital;
20	(10) information management and system evaluation;
21	(11) employ or contract with professional, technical,
22	research, and clerical staff as necessary to implement this
23	program;
24	(12) provide advice and technical assistance to local
25	EMS partners on the integration of an EMSC Program into their
26	EMS system;

1 (13) oversee implementation of the EMSC Program by 2 local EMS agencies; 3 (14) establish an EMSC technical advisory committee; 4 (15) facilitate cooperative interstate relationships to 5 provide appropriate care for pediatric patients who must travel 6 abroad to receive emergency and critical care services; 7 (16) work cooperatively and in a coordinated manner 8 with the Department of Public Health & Social Services, and 9 other public and private agencies, in the development of 10 standards and policies for the delivery of emergency and critical 11 care services to children; and (17) produce a report for the Guam EMS Commission 12 describing any progress on implementation of this Chapter. The 13 14 report shall contain, but not be limited to, a description of the 15 status of emergency medical services for children, the 16 recommendation for training, protocols, and special medical equipment for emergency services for children, an estimate of 17 the costs and benefits of the services and programs authorized by 18 this Chapter, and a calculation of the number of children served 19 by the EMSC system." 20 Section 6. § 84107(f) of Chapter 84, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is 21 22 amended to read: "§ 84107(f) the EMS Commission will deny, suspend, or revoke 23 any NREMR, NREMT, NAEMT and NRP license issued under the 24 25 Office of EMS, for the following actions: 26 (1)fraud in the procurement of any certificate or license 27 under the Office of EMS:

1 (2)gross negligence; 2 (3) listed on the Sex Offender Registry; 3 (4) repeated negligent acts; 4 (5) incompetence; the commission of any fraudulent, dishonest, or 5 (6) 6 corrupt act that is substantially related to the qualifications, 7 functions, and duties of pre-hospital personnel; conviction of any crime which is substantially 8 (7)9 related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of pre-hospital 10 personnel. The record of conviction or a certified copy of the 11 record shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction; 12 (8)violating or attempting to violate directly or 13 indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or 14 conspiring to violate, any provision of the Office of EMS or the regulations adopted by the authority pertaining to pre-hospital 15 16 personnel; 17 (9) violating or attempting to violate any federal or state 18 statute or regulation that regulates narcotics, dangerous drugs, or 19 controlled substances; (10) addiction to, the excessive use of, or the misuse of, 20 21 alcoholic beverages, narcotics, dangerous drugs, or controlled 22 substances: 23 (11) functioning outside the supervision of medical 24 control in the field care system operating at the local level, except 25 as authorized by any other license or certification; 26 (12) demonstration of irrational behavior or occurrence 27 of a physical disability to the extent that a reasonable and prudent

1 person would have reasonable cause to believe that the ability to perform the duties normally expected may be impaired; 2 3 (13) unprofessional conduct exhibited by any of the 4 following: 5 the mistreatment or physical abuse of any (A) patient resulting from force in excess of what a reasonable 6 7 and prudent person trained and acting in a similar capacity 8 while engaged in the performance of his or her duties 9 would use if confronted with a similar circumstance. Nothing in this Section shall be deemed to prohibit an 10 NREMR, NREMT, NAEMT and NRP from assisting a 11 peace officer, or a peace officer who is acting in the dual 12 13 capacity of peace officer and NREMR, NREMT, NAEMT 14 and NRP, from using that force that is reasonably 15 necessary to effect a lawful arrest or detention; the failure to maintain confidentiality of 16  $(\mathbf{B})$ patient medical information, except as disclosure is 17 18 otherwise permitted or required by law; 19 (C)the commission of any sexually related 20 offense specified under the Penal Code; and 21 (D) any actions that shall be considered evidence of a threat to the public's health and safety." 22 23 § 84110(a)(5), of Chapter 84 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, Section 7. 24 is *amended*, to read: "(5) Course requirements for pre-hospital emergency services 25 26 training for National Registry Emergency Medical Responder (NREMR). National Registry Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT), National 27

Registry Advance Emergency Medical Technician (NRAEMT), and National
 Registry Paramedic (NRP) shall be listed in the Guam EMS rules and
 regulations, as prescribed by the United States Department of Transportation,
 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and/or the National
 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council."

6 Section 8. § 84110(c), of Chapter 84 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is
7 amended, to read as follows:

8 "(c) Ambulances, emergency medical services facilities, private non-9 emergent transport vehicles, and private ambulance services primarily provide 10 BLS transport services utilizing NREMR, NREMT, NAEMT, and NRP 11 personnel. Private ambulance services and private non-emergent transport 12 vehicles shall not normally respond to emergency incidents (E911 dispatches 13 by Guam Fire Department) as first responder units, except in the following 14 instances:

15(1) When specifically requested by the EMS agency16(Guam Fire Department E911 Dispatch) having jurisdiction.

17 (2)When the private service receives a direct request 18 for service from a person or facility other than dispatch, in which 19 the patient may be transported to an emergency department. In 20 these instances, the service may respond but shall contact the 21 appropriate emergency dispatch agency (Guam Fire Department 22 E911 Dispatch). When a direct request is made to a private 23 ambulance service from a location outside of a medical facility 24 or private ambulance during non-emergency transport, the 25 request shall be routed to E911 via instruction or call transfer for 26 the purpose of dispatching of GFD resources or mutual aid

1	(military or priv	rivate ambulance service), as determined by					
2	established policies and procedures.						
3	(3) Transfer of care by a Guam Fire Department EMT-						
4	Paramedic of an ALS patient to a private EMT-Paramedic						
5	ambulance service for transport shall only occur with Guam						
6	EMS Medical Director direct on-line medical control approval.						
7	(4) Tran	insfer of care by a Guam Fire Department EMT-					
8	Basic to a private	e EMT-Basic ambulance service."					
9	Section 9. A new § 84110(	O(f) is hereby added to Chapter 84 of Title 10,					
10	Guam Code Annotated, to read:						
11	"(f) Eligibility,	y, Training and Skill Requirements for					
12	Emergency Medical Re	Responders, Emergency Medical Technicians,					
13	Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians, and Paramedics:						
14	(1) Stude	dent Eligibility:					
15	(A)	Emergency Medical Responder (EMR):					
16		(i) eighteen (18) years of age.					
17	(B) Emergency Medical Technician (EMT/Basic						
18	Life Suppor	ort):					
19		(i) eighteen (18) years of age.					
20	(C)	Advanced Emergency Medical Technician					
21	(AEMT):						
22		(i) eighteen (18) years of age;					
23		(ii) high school diploma or equivalent;					
24		(iii) EMT Certificate;					
25		(iv) BLS, ACLS and PALS Certification.					
26	(D)	Paramedic (Advanced Life Support):					
27		(i) eighteen (18) years of age;					

1		(ii)	high school diploma or equivalent;
2		(iii)	EMT Certificate;
3		(iv)	BLS, ACLS and PALS Certification.
4	(2) Mini	mum T	raining Requirements:
5	(A)	Emer	gency Medical Responder (EMR):
6		(i)	96 hours (total minimum);
7		(ii)	80 hours Didactic;
8		(iii)	16 hours Hospital Clinicals.
9	(B)	Emer	gency Medical Technician (EMT/Basic
10	Life Suppor	rt):	
11		(i)	120 hours (total minimum);
12		(ii)	110 hours Didactic & Skills Lab;
13		(iii)	10 hours Hospital Clinicals;
14		(iv)	Field Internship: 10 Patient Contacts.
15	(C)	Adva	nced Emergency Medical Technician
16	(AEMT):		
17		(i)	306 hours (total minimum);
18		(ii)	208 hours Didactic & Skills Lab;
19		(iii)	16 hours Clinical;
20		(iv)	24 hours Field Internship and 10 ALS
21	Team	Lead	Contacts.
22	(D)	Paran	nedic (Advanced Life Support):
23		(i)	1120 hours (total minimum);
24		(ii)	450 hours Didactic & Skills lab;
25		(iii)	150 hours Hospital Clinicals;
26		(iv)	480 hours Field Internship and 40 ALS
27	Team	Lead (	Contacts.

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1	(3)	Minir	num So	cope of Practice:
2		(A)	Emerg	gency Medical Responder (EMR):
3			(i)	Patient Assessment;
4			(ii)	Advance First Aid;
5			(iii)	Use of adjunctive breathing aid and
6		admi	nistratio	on of oxygen;
7			(iv)	Automated External Defibrillator;
8			(v)	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.
9		(B)	Emer	gency Medical Technician (EMT/Basic
10	Life	Suppor	rt):	
11			(i)	Patient Assessment;
12			(ii)	Advance First Aid;
13			(iii)	Use of adjunctive breathing aid and
14		admi	inistrati	ion of oxygen;
15			(iv)	Automated External Defibrillator;
16			(v)	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation;
17			(vi)	Transport of Ill and Injured Persons.
18		(C)	Adva	anced Emergency Medical Technician
19	(AE	MT):		
20			(i)	All EMT Skills;
21			(ii)	Perilaryngeal Airways;
22			(iii)	Laryngoscope;
23			(iv)	Endotracheal (ET) Intubations
24		(Ad	ults, Or	rally);
25			(v)	Valsalva's Maneuvers;
26			(vi)	Intravenous Infusion;
27			(vii)	Obtain Venous Blood;

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16		(1	viii)	Needle	Thoraco	stomy	and
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18		(i	ix)	Trans-Cutar	neous	Pacing	and
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22	(4)	Notable	e Op	tional Skills:			
23		(A) E	Emer	gency Medic	al Respon	der (EMR	L):
24		(:	i)	Epi-Pens;			
25		(	ii)	Naloxone.			
26		(B) E	Emer	rgency Media	al Techni	cian (EMI	Г/Basic
27	Life	Support)	:				

1	(i) Perilaryngeal Airways;
2	(ii) Epi-Pens;
3	(iii) Duodote Kits;
. 4	(iv) Intravenous Access;
5	(v) Naloxone.
6	(C) Advanced Emergency Medical Technician
7	(AEMT):
8	(i) Additional Medications and Skills
9	approved by the Medical Director.
10	(D) Paramedic (Advanced Life Support):
11	(i) Local EMS Agencies may add
12	additional Medications and Skills if approved by
13	Medical Director.
14	(5) Written Skills and Exams:
15	(A) Emergency Medical Responder (EMR):
16	(i) Administered by the National Registry
17	of EMTs; or
18	(ii) Administered by the State EMS
19	Office.
20	(B) Emergency Medical Technician (EMT/Basic
21	Life Support):
22	(i) Administered by the National Registry
23	of EMTs; or
24	(ii) Administered by the State EMS
25	Office.
26	(C) Advanced Emergency Medical Technician
27	(AEMT):

1	(i) Administered by the National Registry
2	of EMTs; or
3	(ii) Administered by the State EMS
4	Office.
5	(D) Paramedic (Advanced Life Support):
6	(i) Administered by the National Registry
7	of EMTs; or
8	(ii) Administered by the State EMS
9	Office.
10	(6) Length of Certification or Licensure:
11	(A) Emergency Medical Responder (EMR):
12	(i) Two (2)-Year Certification and
13	Licensure.
14	(B) Emergency Medical Technician (EMT/Basic
15	Life Support):
16	(i) Two (2)-Year Certification and
17	Licensure.
18	(C) Advanced Emergency Medical Technician
19	(AEMT);
20	(i) Two (2)-Year Certification and
21	Licensure.
22	(D) Paramedic (Advanced Life Support):
23	(i) Two (2)-Year Certification and
24	Licensure.
25	(7) Refresher Course/Continuing Education:
26	(A) Emergency Medical Responder (EMR):
27	(i) Eight (8)-hour Refresher Course;

1	(ii) Eight (8)-hours of Continuing
2	Education every two (2) years.
3	(B) Emergency Medical Technician (EMT/Basic
4	Life Support):
5	(i) Twenty (20)-hour Refresher Course;
6	(ii) Twenty (20)-hours of Continuing
7	Education every two (2) years.
8	(C) Advanced Emergency Medical Technician
9	(AEMT):
10	(i) Twenty-five (25)-hour Refresher
11	Course;
12	(ii) Twenty-five (25)-hours of Continuing
13	Education every two (2) years.
14	(D) Paramedic (Advanced Life Support):
15	(i) Thirty (30)-hour Refresher Course;
16	(ii) Thirty (30)-hours of Continuing
17	Education every two (2) years.
18	(8) Certification and Licensed Provisions:
19	(A) Emergency Medical Responder (EMR):
20	(i) Certified and Licensed Locally; or
21	(ii) Reciprocity application.
22	(B) Emergency Medical Technician (EMT/Basic
23	Life Support):
24	(i) Certified and Licensed Locally; or
25	(ii) Reciprocity application.
26	(C) Advanced Emergency Medical Technician
27	(AEMT):

1	(i) Certified and Licensed Locally; or			
2	(ii) Reciprocity application.			
3	(D) Paramedic (Advanced Life Support):			
4	(i) Certified and Licensed Locally; or			
5	(ii) Reciprocity application."			
6	Section 10. § 84111(a) of Chapter 84 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is			
7	amended to read:			
8	"§ 84111. Certification Procedure.			
9	For the purpose of implementing § 84110, the following certification			
10	procedures shall apply:			
11	(a) Certification Application. There shall be four (4) levels of			
12	emergency medical service personnel: Emergency Medical Responder			
13	(EMR); Emergency Medical Technician (EMT); Advance Emergency			
14	Medical Technician (AEMT); and Paramedic.			
15	Section 11. §§ 84111(c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of Chapter 84 of Title 10, Guam			
16	Code Annotated are hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:			
17	"(c) Emergency Medical Responder:			
18	(1) Training: Training for EMRs is offered at the local level			
19	by approved training programs. A list of approved training programs			
20	may be obtained through the Department of Public Health and Social			
21	Services (DPHSS) via telephone, mail, or from its web page. Training			
22	hours consist of Ninety-six (96) hours, broken down into Eighty (80)			
23	classroom and laboratory hours and Sixteen (16) hours of supervised			
24	clinical experience.			
25	(2) Testing: In order to practice as an EMR, an individual is			
26	certified after passing the National Registry of Emergency Medical			
27	Technician (NREMT) written and skills exams.			

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(3) Certification: After passing the written and skills certification exams, applicants must obtain a criminal background check, provide documentation of current BLS/CPR certification, provide a current photo ID (Guam driver's license or U.S. Passport), and pay the fee established in the fee schedule. The applicant may then be certified through the Office of EMS which issues an EMR certification card (they are also known as the certifying entity). Certification is valid for two (2) years from the date of issue.

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9 Recertification: Every two (2) years, an EMR must (4)provide the certifying entity with proof of sixteen (16) hours of 10 11 refresher course work or sixteen (16) hours of EMS approved continuing education units (CEUs), and have documented competency 12 13 in ten (10) skills. EMR shall also maintain current NREMT certification and BLS certification. Applicants must pay the fee established in the 14 fee schedule and provide proof of completion of these requirements in 15 order for the certifying entity to recertify an EMR. 16

17 (5) Reciprocity: Individuals from out-of-state who meet the
18 following criteria and complete the application requirements of a
19 certifying entity are eligible for certification:

20(A) possess a current and valid National Registry EMR21certificate;

(B) possess a current and valid out-of-state or National
Registry EMR certificate; or

(C) paramedic license, or have documentation of
successful completion of an out-of-state EMR training course
within the last two (2) years that meets Guam's EMR training
requirements.

1 (6) Scope of Practice: An EMR is trained and certified 2 in basic life support practices. Basic life support (BLS) means 3 emergency first aid and CPR procedures which, at a minimum, 4 include recognizing respiratory and cardiac arrest and starting the 5 proper application of CPR to maintain life without invasive 6 techniques until the patient can be transported or until advanced 7 life support (ALS) is available. 8 (d) **Emergency Medical Technician:** 9 (1)Training: Training for EMTs is offered at the local level 10 by approved training programs. A list of approved training programs 11 may be obtained through the DPHSS via telephone, mail, or from its 12 web page. Training hours consist of 120 hours, broken down into 110 13 classroom and laboratory hours and ten (10) hours of supervised clinical experience. 14 Testing: In order to practice as an EMT, an individual is 15 (2)16 certified after passing the NREMT written and skills exams. 17 (3) Certification: After passing the written and skills certification exams applicants must obtain a criminal background 18 check, provide documentation of current BLS/CPR certification, 19 20 provide a current photo ID (Guam driver's license or U.S. Passport), 21 and pay the fee established in the fee schedule. The applicant may then 22 be certified through the Office of EMS which issues an EMT 23 certification card (they are also known as the certifying entity). 24 Certification is valid for two (2) years from the date of issue. 25 (4) Recertification: Every two (2) years, an EMT must provide the certifying entity with proof of forty (40) hours of refresher 26 27 course work or forty (40) hours of EMS approved continuing education

1 units (CEUs), and have documented competency in ten (10) skills. 2 EMTs shall also maintain current NREMT certification and BLS 3 certification. Applicant must pay the fee established in the fee schedule and provide proof of completion of these requirements in order for the 4 5 certifying entity to recertify an EMT. Reciprocity: Individuals from out-of-state who meet the 6 (5)following criteria and complete the application requirements of a 7 8 certifying entity are eligible for certification: 9 (A) possess a current and valid National Registry EMT 10 certificate; 11 (B) possess a current and valid out-of-state or National Registry EMT certificate; or 12 paramedic license, or have documentation of 13 (C) 14 successful completion of an out-of-state EMT training course 15 within the last two (2) years that meets Guam's EMT training 16 requirements. 17 (6) Scope of Practice: An EMT is trained and certified in basic life support practices. Basic life support (BLS) means emergency first 18 aid and CPR procedures which, at a minimum, include recognizing 19 respiratory and cardiac arrest and starting the proper application of CPR 20 21 to maintain life without invasive techniques until the patient can be 22 transported or until advanced life support (ALS) is available. Automated external defibrillator (AED) training is now part of the basic 23 24 scope of practice. 25 (7)Optional Skills: EMTs may obtain additional training to 26

supplement their standard scope of practice. EMTs may become locally-approved to use certain medications and skills. The local EMS

Medical Director for each agency determines the use of these optional 1 2 scope items. 3 Advance Emergency Medical Technician: ·(e) 4 (1)Training: Training for AEMTs is offered at the local level 5 by approved training programs. A list of approved training programs 6 may be obtained through the DPHSS via telephone, mail, or from its 7 web page. The required training hours for AEMTs is 228. The 8 minimum number of hours for each portion of the training program is 9 listed below, although most programs may exceed this amount: 10 (A) Didactic and lab/skills: 168 hours 11 (B) Field Internship: 60 hours 12 (C) TOTAL 228 hours 13 Testing: In order to practice as an AEMT, an individual is (2)14 certified after passing the NREMT written and skills exams. Certification: After passing the written and skills 15 (3)16 certification exams applicants must obtain a criminal background check, provide documentation of current BLS/CPR certification, 17 provide a current photo ID (Guam driver's license or U.S. Passport), 18 19 and pay the fee established in the fee schedule. The applicant may then be certified through the Office of EMS which issues an AEMT 20 21 certification card (they are also known as the certifying entity). Certification is valid for two (2) years from the date of issue. 22 23 (4)Recertification: Every two (2) years, an AEMT must provide the local EMS agency with proof of completion of fifty (50) 24 25 hours of EMS approved continuing education units (CEUs), and provide documented competency in six (6) skills. AEMTs shall also 26 27 maintain current NREMT certification and BLS certification.

Applicants must pay the fee established in the fee schedule and provide proof of completion of these requirements in order for the certifying entity to recertify an AEMT.

(5) Reciprocity: An individual who possesses or has possessed a valid AEMT or Paramedic license from another state or holds a current NREMT AEMT or Paramedic certification may be eligible for certification.

(6) Scope of Practice: AEMTs are certified in the use of advanced life support (ALS) skills. ALS includes all EMT skills, intravenous infusion, perilaryngeal airway, and eight (8) medications (jurisdictional scope of practice may vary).

(7) Optional Skills: In addition to the EMT scope of practice,
AEMTs may practice additional skills and administer certain
medications. These additional optional skills and medications may be
utilized and are approved by the local EMS agency and the EMS
Medical Director. The AEMT is typically employed by public safety
agencies, such as fire departments, and by private ambulance
companies.

19 (f) Paramedic:

(1) Training: Training for Paramedics is offered at the local
level by approved training programs. A list of approved training
programs may be obtained through the DPHSS via telephone, mail, or
from its web page. The minimum number of hours for each portion of
the training program is listed below, although most programs exceed
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- (A) Didactic and lab/skills: 672 hours
- (B) Hospital and clinical training: 120 hours

1	(C) Field Experience: 288 hours
2	(D) Field internship with 20 patient contacts and at least
3	120 hours
4	(E) TOTAL 1,200 hours
5	(2) Testing: In order to practice as a paramedic, an individual
6	must pass the NREMT written and skills exams. Tests are scheduled as
7	needed on a program requirement; and an individual can contact the
8	EMS Authority for further information.
9	(3) Licensure: Guam law requires an individual to be licensed
10	by the EMS Authority in order to practice as a paramedic. Individuals
11	seeking licensure should apply directly to the EMS Authority. After
12	passing the written and skills certification exams, applicants must
13	obtain a criminal background check, provide documentation of current
14	BLS/CPR certification, provide a current photo ID (Guam driver's
15	license or U.S. Passport), and pay the fee established in the fee
16	schedule. The applicant may then be licensed through the Office of
17	EMS which issues a Paramedic License card (they are also known as
18	the certifying entity). Certification is valid for two (2) years from the
19	date of issue.
20	(4) Credentialing: In addition to licensure, a paramedic must
21	be locally credentialed by an approved EMS agency in order to practice
22	on Guam. Credentialing is orientation to local protocols and training in
23	any local optional scope of practice for the particular local EMS agency
24	jurisdiction, as well as skill and knowledge verification by an affiliated
25	EMS agency and EMS Medical Director. Paramedics must apply for
26	credentialing directly to the local EMS agency. All provider
27	credentialing shall be approved by the EMS agency Medical Director.

(5) License Renewal: Paramedics must complete a minimum of sixty (60) hours of approved continuing education units (CEUs) every two (2) years to maintain licensure. Paramedics shall also maintain current NREMT certification and BLS certification. Applicant must pay the fee established in the fee schedule and provide proof of completion of these requirements in order for the certifying entity to recertify a Paramedic.

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8 (6) Reciprocity: Individuals who possess a current paramedic 9 certificate from the National Registry of EMTs or valid state Paramedic 10 License are eligible for paramedic licensure on Guam when they submit 11 proof of successful completion of a field internship and complete all 12 license requirements.

13 (7) Scope of Practice: Paramedics are trained and licensed in
14 the use of advanced life support (ALS) skills. ALS includes all EMT
15 and AEMT skills, use of laryngoscope, endotracheal and nasogastric
16 intubation, Valsalva's Maneuver, needle thoracostomy, administration
17 of twenty-one (21) drugs, and other skills.

(8) Optional Skills: The EMS Authority can approve the use
of additional skills and administration of additional medications by
paramedics upon the request of a local EMS medical director.

(g) Temporary Certification: The Office of EMS shall approve
temporary certification of an applicant if the applicant has completed an
approved training program within twelve (12) months of the date of
application and has never taken the written and practical examination of the
National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians for that level of practice
but otherwise meets the requirements, has filed a complete application with
the Office of EMS, and has paid all required fees. If the applicant fails to apply

1 for, or to take, the next succeeding examination or fails to pass the 2 examination or fails to receive a certificate, all privileges under this Section 3 shall automatically cease upon written notification sent to the applicant by the Office of EMS. A temporary certificate for each level of practice may be 4 5 issued only once to each person. Prior to practicing under temporary 6 certification, applicants shall notify the Office of EMS in writing of any and 7 all employers under whom they will be performing services." 8 Section 12. § 84112(a) of Chapter 84, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is 9 amended to read: 10 "§ 84112. **Exemptions from this Chapter.** 

11 (a) A certificate shall not be required for a person who provides 12 emergency medical services when:

assisting persons certified to provide emergency medical 13 (1)14 services under this Chapter or in the case of a major catastrophe, 15 disaster, or in which persons certified to provide emergency medical 16 services are insufficient or unable to cope; or

17 operating from a location or headquarters outside of Guam (2)in order to provide emergency medical services to patients who are 18 19 picked up outside Guam for transportation to locations within Guam."

20 Section 13. §§ 84122(a) and (b) of Chapter 84, Title 10, Guam Code 21 Annotated are *amended* to read:

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## "§ 84122. **Division of EMS.**

23 (a) The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) shall establish 24 a Division of EMS. The Division shall be headed by the GMHA Emergency 25 Medical Services (EMS) Medical Director, who shall be a licensed physician. 26 The Division's responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to:

1 (1)providing off-line medical control for government of 2 Guam pre-hospital providers, E-911 dispatchers, and on-line 3 emergency department personnel; participating with other Emergency Medical Systems 4 (2)5 (EMS) agencies in the planning, development and advancement of 6 EMS: 7 (3)creating and maintaining up to date medical treatment protocols to be used by government of Guam pre-hospital providers; 8 9 (4)coordinating with the Department of Public Health and 10 Social Services – Office of EMS, the Guam Fire Department Training 11 Bureau, the Guam Community College, and all other training centers, 12 for the training of pre-hospital personnel; aiding government of Guam agencies in achieving (5) 13 compliance with the Department of Public Health and Social Services 14 15 EMS rules and regulations relative to personnel, equipment training, 16 vehicles, communications and supplies; 17 (6) conducting EMS research as needed; establishing a quality improvement program within (7)18 government of Guam agencies and share data with the DPHSS Office 19 of EMS: 20 21 ensuring there is a seamless process for on-line medical (8)22 control available to all government of Guam agencies; and 23 (9) establishing a multidisciplinary committee made up of 24 GMHA physicians, nurses, and pharmacists to address changes or 25 recommendations for new pre-hospital policies, procedures and 26 protocols. 27 (b) The Division shall designate the following:

(1) EMS Medical Director. A GMHA Emergency Department staff physician with either formal training or extensive experience in EMS shall be the head of this Division under the title of Off-line EMS Medical Director, and this physician shall operate as an agent of GMHA; and

6 (2)Assistant EMS Medical Director. Following 7 recommendations of the federal program EMS for children, the 8 involvement of a GMHA Emergency Department Staff Physician, or 9 GMHA Staff Pediatrician as a Second EMS Medical Control Physician, 10 with additional duties to include ensuring all off-line medical control 11 (medical protocols) for pre-hospital medical care provided specifically to children by government of Guam EMS personnel is consistent with 12 13 best practices; and

14 (3) EMS Medical Coordinator. The Division of EMS at
15 GMHA shall have one (1) full-time EMS Medical Coordinator, who
16 shall be a certified Paramedic or Registered Nurse with EMS
17 experience, and who shall work under the guidance of the EMS Medical
18 Director and Assistant EMS Medical Director."

19 Section 14. A new § 84124 *is added* to Chapter 84 of Title 10, Guam Code
20 Annotated, to read:

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## "§ 84124. EMS Scope of Practice.

(a) Principles:

(1) In order to function as an EMS Provider, an individual
must be certified/licensed from the Department of Public Health and
Social Services Office of Emergency Medical Services as an NREMR,
NREMT, NRAEMT or NRP.

1 EMS Providers are responsible to adhere to the scope of (2)2 practice while functioning as an EMS Provider on Guam. 3 (3)During training, while at the scene of an emergency, 4 during transport of the sick or injured, or during interfacility transfer, a 5 certified EMS Provider or supervised EMS provider student is 6 authorized to do any of the following: 7 Policies: (b) 8 Scope of Practice of a National Registry Emergency (1)9 Medical Responder: 10 (A) conduct primary secondary patient and examinations: 11 12 (B) take and record vital signs; 13 non-invasive diagnostic devices (C)utilize in 14 accordance with manufacturer's recommendation: open and maintain an airway by positioning the 15 (D)16 patient's head; provide external cardiopulmonary resuscitation and 17 (E) 18 obstructed airway care for infants, children, and adults; 19 (F) provide immobilization care for musculoskeletal 20 injuries; assist with prehospital childbirth; 21 (G) 22 (H) complete a clear and accurate prehospital 23 emergency care report form on all patient contacts and provide a copy of that report to the senior emergency medical services 24 25 provider with the transporting ambulance; administer medical oxygen; 26 (I) 27 (J) maintain an open airway through the use of:

1	(i) a nasopharyngeal airway device;		
2	(ii) a noncuffed oropharyngeal airway device;		
3	(iii) a pharyngeal suctioning device;		
4	(K) operate a bag mask ventilation device with		
5	reservoir;		
6	(L) provide care for suspected medical emergencies,		
7	including administering liquid oral glucose for hypoglycemia;		
8	(M) prepare and administer aspirin by mouth for		
9	suspected myocardial infarction (MI) in patients with no known		
10	history of allergy to aspirin or recent gastrointestinal bleed;		
11	(N) prepare and administer epinephrine by automatic		
12	injection device for anaphylaxis; and		
13	(O) perform cardiac defibrillation with an automatic or		
14	semi-automatic defibrillator.		
15	(2) Scope of Practice of a National Registry Emergency		
16	Medical Technician:		
1 <b>7</b>	(A) evaluate the ill and injured;		
18	(B) render basic life support, rescue, and emergency		
19	medical care to patients;		
20	(C) obtain diagnostic signs to include, but not be limited		
21	to, temperature, blood pressure, pulse and respiration rates, pulse		
22	oximetry, level of consciousness, and pupil status;		
23	(D) perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR),		
24	including the use of mechanical adjuncts to basic		
25	cardiopulmonary resuscitation;		
26	(E) administer oxygen;		

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1	(F) use the following adjunctive airway and breathing		
2	aids:		
3	(i) oropharyngeal airway;		
4	(ii) nasopharyngeal airway;		
5	(iii) suction devices;		
6	(iv) basic oxygen delivery devices for		
7	supplemental oxygen therapy including, but not limited to,		
8	humidifiers, partial rebreathers, and venturi masks; and		
9	(iv) manual and mechanical ventilating devices		
10	designed for prehospital use including continuous positive		
11	airway pressure;		
12	(G) use various types of stretchers and spinal motion		
13	restriction or immobilization devices;		
14	(H) provide initial prehospital emergency care to		
15	patients, including, but not limited to:		
16	(i) bleeding control through the application of		
17	tourniquets;		
18	(ii) use of hemostatic dressings from a list		
19	approved by the Authority;		
20	(iv) spinal motion restriction or immobilization;		
21	(iv) seated spinal motion restriction or		
22	immobilization;		
23	(v) extremity splinting; and		
24	(vi) traction splinting;		
25	(I) administer oral glucose or sugar solutions;		
26	(J) extricate entrapped persons;		
27	(K) perform field triage;		

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1	(L) transport patients;
2	(M) apply mechanical patient restraint;
3	(N) set up for ALS procedures, under the direction of an
4	Advanced EMT or Paramedic;
5	(O) perform automated external defibrillation;.
6	(P) assist patients with the administration of physician-
7	prescribed devices including, but not limited to, patient-operated
8	medication pumps, sublingual nitroglycerin, and self-
9	administered emergency medications, including epinephrine
10	devices;
11	(Q) administer naloxone or other opioid antagonist by
12	intranasal and/or intramuscular routes for suspected narcotic
13	overdose;
14	(R) administer epinephrine by auto-injector for
15	suspected anaphylaxis and/or severe asthma;
16	(S) perform finger stick blood glucose testing; and
17	(T) administer over the counter medications, when
18	approved by the Medical Director, including, but not limited to:
19	(i) aspirin.
20	(U) The scope of practice of an EMT shall not exceed
21	those activities authorized in this Section.
22	(V) Special Procedures: Institute intraosseous (IO)
23	needles or catheters for cardiac arrest patients if specifically
24	trained and authorized by a local agency EMS Medical Director.
25	(3) Scope of Practice of a National Registry Advanced Emergency
26	Medical Technician:
27	(A) perform all procedures that an EMT may perform;

1	(B) initiate peripheral intravenous (IV) lines in
2	unconscious patients;
3	(C) maintain peripheral intravenous (IV) lines;
4	(D) initiate saline or similar locks in unconscious
5	patients;
6	(E) draw peripheral blood specimens;
7	(F) insert an uncuffed pharyngeal airway device in the
8	practice of airway maintenance. A cuffed pharyngeal airway
9	device is:
10	(i) a single lumen airway device designed for
11	blind insertion into the esophagus providing airway
12	protection where the cuffed tube prevents gastric contents
13	from entering the pharyngeal space; or
14	(ii) a multi-lumen airway device designed to
15	function either as the single lumen device when placed in
16	the esophagus, or by insertion into the trachea where the
17	distal cuff creates an endotracheal seal around the
18	ventilatory tube preventing aspiration of gastric contents;
19	(G) perform tracheobronchial suctioning of an already
20	intubated patient; and
21	(H) prepare and administer the following medications
22	under specific written protocols authorized by the Medical
23	Director or direct orders from a licensed consultant physician:
24	(i) Physiologic isotonic crystalloid solution IV
25	or IO;
26	(ii) Anaphylaxis: epinephrine IM;

1	(iii) Antidotes: Naloxone hydrochloride SL, IM,
2	or IV;
3	(iv) Anti-hypoglycemics: Hypertonic glucose IV;
4	(v) Catecholamine: Epinephrine 1:1000;
5	Epinephrine 1:10,000 IM or IV;
6	(vi) Parasympathetic Blocker: Atropine IV;
7	(vii) Nebulized bronchodilators as determined by
8	the Medical Director;
9	(viii) Non-Opioid Analgesics for acute pain as
10	determined by the Medical Director;
11	(I) prepare and administer immunizations in the event
12	of an outbreak or epidemic as declared by the Chief Public
13	Health Officer or designated public health officer, as part of an
14	emergency immunization program, under the Medical Director's
15	standing order;
16	(J) prepare and administer immunizations for seasonal
17	and pandemic influenza vaccinations according to the Chief
18	Public Health Officer's recommended immunization guidelines
19	as directed by the agency's Medical Director's standing order;
20	(K) distribute medications at the direction of the
21	Medical Director as a component of a mass distribution effort;
22	(L) maintain during transport any intravenous
23	medication infusions or other procedures which were initiated in
24	a medical facility, if clear and understandable written
25	instructions for such maintenance have been provided by the
26	physician at the sending medical facility;

1	(M) perform electrocardiographic rhythm interpretation
2	of ventricular fibrillation, ventricular tachycardia, pulseless
3	electrical activity, and asystole; and
4	(N) perform cardiac defibrillation with a manual
5	defibrillator.
6	(4) Scope of Practice of a National Registry Paramedic:
7	(A) a paramedic may perform any activity identified in
8	the scope of practice of an NREMT, or any activity identified in
9	the scope of practice of an NRAEMT;
10	(B) a paramedic shall be affiliated with an approved
11	paramedic service provider in order to perform the scope of
12	practice specified in this Chapter;
13	(C) a paramedic student or a licensed paramedic, as part
14	of an organized EMS system, while caring for patients in a
15	hospital as part of his/her training or continuing education (CE)
16	under the direct supervision of a physician, registered nurse, or
17	physician assistant, or while at the scene of a medical emergency
18	or during transport, or during interfacility transfer, or while
19	working in a hospital, may perform the following procedures or
20	administer the following medications when such are approved by
21	the Medical Director of the Guam EMSC, and are included in the
22	written policies and procedures of the Guam EMSC.
23	(D) Scope of Practice includes, but is not limited to:
24	(i) utilize electrocardiographic devices
25	and monitor electrocardiograms, including 12- lead
26	electrocardiograms (ECG);

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1 perform defibrillation, synchronized (ii) 2 cardioversion, and external cardiac pacing; 3 (iii) visualize the airway by use of the 4 laryngoscope and remove foreign bodies with Magill forceps; 5 (iv) perform pulmonary ventilation by use 6 7 of lower airway multi-lumen adjuncts, the 8 esophageal airway, perilaryngeal airways, stomal 9 intubation, and adult oral endotracheal intubation; 10 utilize mechanical ventilation devices  $(\mathbf{v})$ 11 for continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP)/bilevel positive airway pressure (BPAP) and positive 12 13 expiratory pressure (PEEP) end in the 14 spontaneously breathing patient; institute intravenous (IV) catheters, 15 (vi) 16 saline locks, needles, or other cannulae (IV lines), in peripheral veins and monitor and administer 17 18 medications through pre-existing vascular access; 19 (vii) institute intraosseous (IO) needles or 20 catheters: (viii) administer IV or IO glucose solutions 21 or isotonic balanced salt solutions, including 22 23 Ringer's lactate solution; 24 obtain venous blood samples; (ix)25 (x) use laboratory devices, including point 26 of care testing, for pre-hospital screening use to 27 measure lab values including, but not limited to,

1	glucose, capnometry, capnography, and carbon
2	monoxide when appropriate authorization is
3	obtained from the Guam EMSC Medical Director;
4	(xi) utilize Valsalva maneuver;
5	(xii) perform percutaneous needle
6	cricothyroidotomy;
7	(xiii) perform needle thoracostomy;
8	(xiv) perform nasogastric and orogastric
9	tube insertion and suction;
10	(xv) monitor thoracostomy tubes;
11	(xvi) monitor and adjust IV solutions
12	containing potassium, equal to or less than 40
13	mEq/L;
14	(xvii) administer approved medications by
15	the following routes: IV, IO, intramuscular,
16	subcutaneous, inhalation, transcutaneous, rectal,
17	sublingual, endotracheal, intranasal, oral or topical;
18	(xviii) administer, using pre-packaged
19	products when available, the following
20	medications:
21	(1) 10%, 25% and 50% dextrose;
22	(2) activated charcoal;
23	(3) acetaminophen;
24	(4) adenosine;
25	(5) aerosolized or nebulized beta-2
26	specific bronchodilators;
27	(6) amiodarone;

1	(7) aspirin;	
2	2 (8) ATNAA/	MARK 1;
3	(9) atropine s	ulfate;
4	4 (10) pralidoxii	ne chloride;
5	5 (11) calcium c	hloride;
6	5 (12) diazepam	. 2
7	(13) diphenhye	dramine
8	hydrochloride;	
9	(14) dopamine	hydrochloride;
10	(15) epinephrin	ne;
11	(16) fentanyl;	
12	(17) glucagon;	
13	(18) glucose (c	oral);
14	(19) haloperide	51;
15	(20) ipratropiu	m bromide;
16	(21) ketamine;	
17	(22) lorazepam	l;
18	(23) midazolar	a;
19	(24) lidocaine I	hydrochloride;
20	(25) magnesium	n sulfate;
21	(26) morphine	sulfate;
22	(27) naloxone l	hydrochloride;
23	(28) nitroglyce	rine preparations
24	(I.V., Oral);	
25	(29) norepinepl	nrine;
26	(30) ondansetro	on;
27	(31) sodium bio	carbonate;

1	(32) Tranexamic Acid (TXA)."
2	Section 15. Severability. If any provision of this Act or its application to any
3	person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall
4	not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
5	the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
6	severable.

Section 16. Effective Date. This Act shall be effective upon enactment.

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