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**Introduced by:**

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**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ANTONIO B. WONPAT  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, GUAM TO ISSUE  
DIFFERENTIAL PAY TO EMT-B CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTERS  
OF THE AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING UNIT**

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

**2 Section 1. Legislative findings and intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan***

3 finds that the differential pay to EMT-B certified firefighters and other  
4 essential first responders receive the benefit of differential pay as per the  
5 present state of law. Firefighter's employed at the A.B. Won Pat International  
6 Airport Authority's Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting Unit also have EMT  
7 certifications, but are not authorized by Guam law to be paid differential pay.  
8 Many of the firefighters at the airport have either allowed their EMT  
9 certification to lapse or choose not to acquire the additional certification.  
10 *I Liheslatura* further finds that EMT services at our islands only airport is  
11 essential to the protection of the airport, its stakeholders, our islands  
12 visitors and residents. In addition, EMT service is a mandatory Federal

1 requirement for island residents leaving on commercial flights for medical  
2 evacuation. Although airport firefighters and first responders provide first  
3 aid response to emergency calls within the airport premises, many times a  
4 call to the Guam Fire Department needs to be made in order for EMT  
5 services to be provided, causing a delay in service. Just like in any  
6 emergency, a delay of even a minute can mean a life or death situation.  
7 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to encourage airport  
8 firefighters and rescue personnel to gain EMT certification in order to ensure  
9 life-saving skills are readily available to all patrons of our island's only  
10 commercial airport.

11 **Section 2.** A new subsection is added to §6223 of Title 4 Guam Code  
12 Annotated, relative to Firefighters EMT Duty, to read as follows:

13 (a) **Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam,**  
14 **Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Unit – EMT-B Differential Pay.**

15 A Firefighter in the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority,  
16 Guam, Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Unit (ARFF) who is certified  
17 Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) and who actually performs  
18 as an EMT-B during a period when he or she is assigned as an EMT-B shall  
19 be entitled to differential pay calculated at the rate of his or her regular  
20 wage plus fifteen percent (15%). The differential shall be applicable only  
21 during a time of actual performance. The employee shall be compensated

- 1 hourly for the actual time of performance. Nothing herein shall require any
- 2 ARFF personnel to become EMT-B certified. Such certification shall be
- 3 strictly voluntary.”