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Bill No. 257-35 (COR)

Introduced by:

Therese M. Terlaje 

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CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,
RELATIVE TO UPDATING QUALIFICATIONS FOR
LICENSURE FOR NEW HIRE BACHELOR'S AND
MASTER'S LEVEL SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY ASSISTANTS.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that P.L. 34-48, which amended qualifications for licensure for the Bachelor's level Speech-language pathology assistants and the Master's level Speech-language pathology assistants, does not apply to unemployed Speech-language pathology assistants. During the revision of the law, Speech-language pathology assistants who were already employed were at an advantage because they had an on-site licensed supervisor who could sign the Supervisor Form, which is required to be submitted within three (3) working days of application or renewal pursuant to P.L. 34-48, codified at 5 GCA § 121802(b)(2) and (c)(2). *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners is unable to approve applications submitted by unemployed Speech-language pathology assistants due to the lack of a supervisor who could sign the Supervisor Form. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that licensure is necessary for Speech-language pathology assistants who wish to practice. It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to update the qualifications for

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1 licensure for the Bachelor’s level Speech-language pathology assistants and the
2 Master’s level Speech-language pathology assistants to allow the Supervisor Form
3 to be signed and submitted upon hire.

4 **Section 2.** § 121802(b)(2) of Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated,
5 is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

6 “(2) The SLPA-B and supervisor will complete and submit the Supervisor
7 Form provided by the Board upon application, or renewal, and no later than three
8 (3) working days upon any supervisory changes within a license renewal year;
9 provided, that for new hires, the Supervisor Form may be submitted within three (3)
10 working days and shall be submitted before performing any speech therapy
11 services.”

12 **Section 3.** Subsection §121802 (c) (2) of Chapter 12, Title 10, of the Guam
13 Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

14 “(2) All SLPA-M and supervisor will complete and submit the Supervisor
15 Form provided by the Board upon application, or renewal, and no later than three
16 (3) working days upon any supervisory changes within a license renewal year;
17 provided, that for new hires, the Supervisor Form may be submitted within three (3)
18 working days upon application and shall be submitted before performing any speech
19 therapy services.”

20 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to
21 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity
22 *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect
23 without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
24 Act are severable.