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66-35 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje	AN ACT TO AMEND § 2912 (P) OF ARTICLE 9, CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 1, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE AGE QUALIFICATION AND INSURANCE CAP AMOUNT FOR THE TREATMENT OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD).	3/14/19 10:23 a.m.						

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2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

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Introduced by:

Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Hunter Speaks Non-Profit Organization provides Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) services through the Guam Autism Center pursuant to the provisions of Public Law No. 33-227 and that P.L. 34-06 known as Hunter's Law, mandates the provisions of health care insurance coverage for ASD by insurers. Hunter's Law mandates the maximum benefit of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) per year for an eligible person up to the age of nine (9) and limits the treatment of ASD to Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) maximum benefit per year for an eligible person who is between the ages of nine (9) and twenty-one (21). *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the Guam Autism Center reports that a great majority of minors receiving its services are in need of long-term intense therapy, for which current age eligibilities and insurance maximums may not cover.

1 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan* Guåhan to increase the age and dollar
2 maximum to allow for the necessary insurance coverage that will be needed to
3 address the need for long-term intense therapy.

4 **Section 2.** § 2912 (p) of Article 9, Chapter 2 of Division 1, Title 10, Guam
5 Code Annotated, is *amended* to read:

6 “ (p) Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). A ~~Fifty~~ Seventy Five Thousand
7 Dollars (~~\$50,000~~ 75,000) maximum benefit per year for an eligible person up to
8 the age of ~~nine (9)~~ fifteen (15). The treatment of an autism spectrum disorder shall
9 be limited to a Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) maximum benefit per year
10 for an eligible person who is between the ages of ~~nine (9)~~ sixteen (16) and twenty-
11 one (21).”

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