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**BILL STATUS**

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**2019 (FIRST) Regular Session**

Bill No. 73-35(COR)

Introduced by:

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Intent.** The 2018 Transitory Advisory Committee's  
3 Subcommittee on Boards, Commissions and Governance, lead by Attorney Anita P.  
4 Arriola found that the are 112 boards, commissions and councils in Guam law, with  
5 945 statutorily required members for all boards. The subcommittee found that "the  
6 sheer number of boards and commissions is overwhelming". A key component of  
7 administration's priorities was to streamline government and make it more efficient  
8 and eliminate unnecessary waste, red tape and bureaucracy. The subcommittee also  
9 found that several boards and commissions lacked members, the ability to make  
10 quorum, or had a usefulness that was now in question.

11 The Guam Council on Senior Citizens, created by the 14<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature  
12 in is one such board that chronically has an issue with making quorum because of  
13 the sheer number of members on the board. It is one of the largest boards authorized  
14 in statute, comprised of seventeen members, requiring nine to constitute a quorum.  
15 The size of the board has paralyzed its efficiency and is counterproductive to its

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1 intent. It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslatura* to lower the number of members of  
2 the board, to better facilitate quorum and the effectiveness of the board.

3 **Section 2. Revision of Guam Council on Senior Citizens** § 8105 of  
4 Chapter 8 Title 10 Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

5 “§ 8105. Guam Council on Senior Citizens.

6 There is established within the Division the Guam Council on Senior Citizens  
7 (the “Council”). The Council shall function in consonance with §8106 of this  
8 Chapter and pursuant to the Federal guidelines contained under Section 10a(3) of  
9 Title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended. The Council shall consist  
10 of ~~seventeen (17)~~ nine (9) members, the majority of whom shall be at least fifty-five  
11 (55) years or older, to be appointed by the Governor, ~~ten (10)~~ seven (7) of whom  
12 shall be appointed from the following:

- 13 (a) Guam Mayors Council - one (1) member,
- 14 (b) Guam Association of Retired Persons - one (1) member,
- 15 (c) Southern Region Community - ~~two (2)~~ one (1) members,
- 16 (d) Central Region Community - ~~two (2)~~ one (1) members,
- 17 (e) Northern Region Community - ~~two (2)~~ one (1) members,
- 18 (f) Guam Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees  
19 - one (1) member, and
- 20 (g) Guam Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons - one (1)  
21 member.

22 The remaining ~~seven (7)~~ two (2) members shall be appointed by the Governor  
23 from representatives of the community at large, such as from the government, retiree  
24 organizations, the ministry, and from civic professional and non-profit  
25 organizations. As its initial meeting, the Council members shall elect from among  
26 their ranks a chairman and vice chairman. ~~Nine (9)~~ five (5) members of the Council  
27 shall constitute a quorum. The affirmative vote of a majority of members present at

1 a duly constituted meeting at which a quorum is present shall be necessary for  
2 Council action.

3 ~~Of the initial appointment, seven (7) members of the Council shall serve for a~~  
4 ~~period of one (1) year, five (5) members shall serve for a period of three (3) years,~~  
5 ~~and five (5) members shall serve for a period of two (2) years. At the expiration of~~  
6 ~~these initial terms, all members shall be appointed for three (3) year periods.~~  
7 Members of the Council shall be paid at the rate of Fifty Dollars (\$50) for each day  
8 attendance at a meeting of the Council; provided, however, that such compensation  
9 shall not exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per month, and they may be  
10 reimbursed for reasonable expense incurred in carrying out their duties.”