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Bill No. 344-30 (kg)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO AMEND §30102(a) OF CHAPTER 30 OF **TITLE 5, GCA, TO REQUIRE AGENCIES PERMITTED** RETAIN **COUNSEL OTHER** TO THAN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO HIRE UNCLASSIFIED IN-HOUSE LEGAL COUNSEL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:Section 1. Section 30102(a) of Chapter 30 1 2 of Title 5, GCA, is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Attorney General shall have 4 cognizance of all legal matters, excluding the Legislative and Judicial Branches of the 5 government of Guam, involving the Executive Branch of the government of Guam, its 6 agencies, instrumentalities, public corporations, autonomous agencies and the Mayors 7 Council, all hereinafter referred to as "agency". Where any other law permits any agency 8 or autonomous public corporation to retain counsel other than the Attorney General, this 9 shall not preclude said agency or public corporation from requesting the services of the 10 offices of the Attorney General, provided that said agency or autonomous public 11 corporation shall reimburse the Office of the Attorney General for such services from 12 funds of said agency or autonomous public corporation. Said reimbursement shall be 13 deposited in the General Fund and credited to the Office of the Attorney General. In 14 addition, and notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any agency or autonomous 15 public corporation of the government of Guam may advance funds to the office of the 16 Attorney General for services and incidental travel to be rendered by said office on behalf 17 of said agency or autonomous public corporation. Effective sixty (60) days after enactment, any law permitting an agency or autonomous public corporation to retain 18 19 counsel other than the Attorney General shall mean unclassified, in-house counsel only, 20 compensated at a rate not to exceed \$125,000 for salary annually."