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Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO ADJUST THE COMPENSATION FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF GUAM TO BE COMPARABLE AND EQUITABLE WITH OTHER LEGAL OFFICER POSITIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BY AMENDING §30116(a), CHAPTER 30, TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO REPEAL §30116(b), CHAPTER 30, TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. **Legislative Findings and Intent.** Public Law 25-44, enacted on
3 June 9, 1999, established the compensation for Guam's elected Attorney General
4 (AG). The annual compensation for the elected office was fixed at ninety percent
5 (90%) of the annual compensations of a judge of the Superior Court of Guam,
6 which translates currently to \$90,000 per annum. Since the enactment of P.L. 25-
7 44, ten years ago, other legal officer positions were established, each with a
8 compensation prevailing at the time for the position.

9 Since 1999, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the compensation level for
10 the other legal officer positions within the Government of Guam service, which

1 compare in function and responsibility to that of the Attorney General of Guam,
 2 have risen significantly. For example, currently the annual compensation for the
 3 following legal officer positions that compare to the elected Attorney General in
 4 function and responsibility are as follows:

TITLE	SALARY	BENEFITS	TOTAL
Public Defender Services Corp Director (Chief Attorney) (MN)	\$120,000.00	\$35,061.00	\$ 155,061.00
Civil Service Commission Legal Counsel (RK)	\$121,762.00	\$34,413.00	\$ 156,175.00
Port Authority of Guam Legal Counsel (FY 08 Legal Services Contract Expenditure) (LAP&As.)	\$577,939.00		\$ 577,939.00
Guam Airport Authority Legal Counsel (FY08 Legal Services Contract Expenditure)(MMS&T)	\$800,000.00		\$ 800,000.00
University of Guam Legal Counsel (VR)	\$111,667.00	\$31,897.00	\$ 143,564.00
Guam Public School System Legal Counsel (FN)	\$102,520.00	\$27,496.00	\$ 130,016.00
Attorney General of Guam (AL)	\$ 90,000.00	\$27,873.00	\$ 117,873.00

* Denotes Full Benefits Including Leave, Medical and Dental

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6 It is therefore the intent of I Liheslaturan Guåhan to adjust the
 7 compensation for the Attorney General of Guam to be comparable and equitable
 8 with other legal officer positions of the Government of Guam by amending
 9 §30116(a), Chapter 30, Title 5 Guam Code Annotated and to repeal §30116(b),
 10 Chapter 30, Title 5 Guam Code Annotated.

11 **Section 2. Section 30116(a), Chapter 30, Title 5 Guam Code Annotated,**
 12 **is hereby amended to read:**

13 **“§30116. Compensation.**

1 (a) The Attorney General shall be compensated in twenty-six (26) equal
2 installments for an annual salary ~~based on ninety percent (90%) of the annual~~
3 ~~compensation of a judge of the Superior Court of Guam~~ of One Hundred Twenty
4 Thousand Dollars (\$120,000).

5 **Section 3. §30116(b), Chapter 30, Title 5 Guam Code Annotated, is**
6 **hereby repealed in its entirety.**

7 ~~“(b) From the date of enactment of this Subsection (b) and until the end of~~
8 ~~Fiscal Year 2003, the Attorney General is authorized to reduce his salary down to~~
9 ~~eighty percent (80%) of the amount as computed according to Subsection (a) of~~
10 ~~the Section, for a maximum reduction of twenty percent (20%).”~~

11 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall become effective on the 1st day
12 of October, 2009.