1	the deficiencies can be cured. Fraudulent reporting is a basis
2	for disciplinary action."
3	Section 57. Section 2105(g)(3) of Chapter 2 of Title 25, Guam
4	Administrative Rules is hereby <i>amended</i> to read:
5	"(3) Licensees granted such an exception by the Board
6	must place the word 'inactive' adjacent to their CPA title on
7	any business card, letterhead or any other document or device,
8	with the exception of their CPA certificate, on which their CPA
9	title appears, unless such exception was granted as a result of
10	licensee's request for retired status, in which event the licensee
11	must substitute the word 'retired' for the word 'inactive'."
12	Section 58. Section 2105(h) of Chapter 2 of Title 25, Guam
13	Administrative Rules is hereby amended to read:
14	"(h) Interstate <u>practice</u> reciprocity. If the substantial
15	equivalency standard set out in 22 GCA, §35122 is not applicable, the
16	Board:
17	(1) shall issue a certificate to the holder of a certificate issued
18	by another state provided that the applicant: establishes a principal
19	place of business in Guam, and

1 (a1) Has successfully completed the CPA examination. 2 Successful completion of the examination means that the 3 applicant passed the examination in accordance with the rules of the other state at the time it granted the applicant's initial 4 5 certificate. 6 (b2) Has, in addition to meeting the requirements of Subsection (\underline{a}) satisfied the requirements set out in 22 GCA 7 8 \$35106(c)(1)(B). 9 (\underline{c} ³) Has experience of the type required under this Act 10 and these Rules for issuance of the initial certificate. 11 ($\underline{d4}$) Has met the CPE requirement pursuant to 22 GCA, 12 \$35106 (c)(1)(C) if applicable. 13 (2) may authorize the individual that maintains a principal place of business outside of Guam to exercise practice privileges in 14 15 Guam if such individual: 16 (a) Has an active CPA license in good standing issued by 17 another state; as provided within 22 GCA §35103 (r); 18 (b) Has met the 4 in 10 experience requirement set out in 19 22 GCA §35106(c)(1)(b) of the Act;

1	(c) Provides Nnotice to the Board in the same manner and
2	on comparable forms as required for substantially
3	equivalent practitioners under 22 GCA §35122 of the Act
4	and rules; and
5	(d) Consents to each of the terms and conditions
6	pertaining to the use of practice privileges as set out in 22
7	GCA §35122(a)(3) of the Act and rules."
8	Section 59. Section 2106(a)(1) of Chapter 2 of Title 25, Guam
9	Administrative Rules is hereby <i>amended</i> to read:
10	"(1) Applications by firms for initial issuance and for
11	renewal of permits pursuant to 22 GCA, §35107 shall be made
12	annually on a form provided by the Board <u>.</u> and, in the case of a
13	Applications for renewal of permits are due annually no later
14	than - shall be filed no earlier than four (4) months and no later
15	than two (2) months prior to June 30 <u>th</u> of each year .
16	Applications will not be considered filed until the applicable
17	fee and all required documents prescribed in these Rules are
18	received by the Board. If an application for permit renewal is
19	filed late, it shall also be accompanied by the delinquency fee

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1	prescribed in these Rules.
2	Section 60. Section 210(a)(2) of Chapter 2 of Title 25, Guam
3	Administrative Rules is hereby amended to read:
4	"(2) A sole proprietor may apply simultaneously for an
5	individual license or a renewal of an individual registration or a
6	license and a Firm Permit to Practice and will pay only the fee
7	for the individual license or renewal thereofregistration."
8	Section 61. Section 2106(c)(6) of Chapter 2 of Title 25, Guam
9	Administrative Rules is hereby amended to read:
10	"(6) In gathering information about the professional
11	work of licensees, the Board may make use of investigators,
12	either paid or unpaid, who are not members of the Board.
13	Except for investigation of non-technical matters, all
14	investigators and consultants hired by the Board who
15	undertake the investigation of Guam CPAs shall be active
16	certified public accountants with a minimum of five (5) years of
17	active licensure in the area of public accountancy. Non-
18	technical matters are matters not encompassing the technical
19	proficiency of a licensee in the practice of public accountancy."

1	Section 62. Section 2106(d)(2) of Chapter 2 of Title 25, Guam
2	Administrative Rules is hereby <i>amended</i> to read:
3	"(2) <u>The Board, or a</u> A Peer Review Oversight
4	Committee shall be appointed by the Board, shall to monitor
5	such the equivalent programs to determine and report to the
6	Board that the programs meet the requirements set out in this
7	Act and these Rules."
8	Section 63. Section 2106(f) of Chapter 2 of Title 25, Guam
9	Administrative Rules is hereby <i>amended</i> to read:
10	"(f) Documentation and Retention. Licensees and CPA
11	firms shall comply with all professional standards applicable to
12	particular engagements, including but not limited to standards
13	adopted by recognized standards setting bodies such as the Public
14	Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB), the Comptroller
15	General of the United States, and the Auditing Standards Board.
16	Accordingly, the retention period for Attest Documentation shall be
17	seven (7) years and shall be measured from the report date. Any
18	Attest Documentation involved in a pending investigation or
19	disciplinary action shall not be destroyed until the licensee has been

1	notified in writing of the closure of such investigation or disciplinary
2	proceeding."
3	Section 64. Section 2107(a) of Chapter 2 of Title 25, Guam
4	Administrative Rules is hereby <i>amended</i> to read:
5	"(a) Grounds for enforcement actions against licensees.
6	The grounds for revocation and suspension of certificates,
7	registrations and licenses, and other disciplinary action against
8	licensees and individuals with privileges under 22 GCA, §35122, are
9	set out in 22 GCA, §35109 in both specific and general terms. The
10	general terms of that provision of the Act include the following
11	particular grounds for such disciplinary action:"
12	Section 65. Section 2107(a)(1) of Chapter 2 of Title 25, Guam
13	Administrative Rules is hereby <i>amended</i> to read:
14	"(1) Fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate ,
15	registration or license, within the meaning of 22 GCA, §35109,
16	includes the submission to the Board of any knowingly false or
17	forged evidence in, or in support of, an application for a
18	certificate , registration or license, and cheating on an
19	examination as defined in these Rules."

1	Section 66. Section 2107(a)(4)(C) of Chapter 2 of Title 25, Guam
2	Administrative Rules is hereby amended to read:
3	"(C) Presenting as one's own a certificate,
4	registration or license issued to another;"
5	Section 67. Section 2107(b) of Chapter 2 of Title 25, Guam
6	Administrative Rules is hereby <i>amended</i> to read:
7	"(b) Return of certificate, registration, license, or Firm
8	Permit to Practice. Any licensee whose certificate, license or Firm
9	Permit to Practice issued by the Board is subsequently suspended or
10	revoked shall promptly return such certificate, registration, license, or
11	Firm Permit to Practice to the Board."
12	Section 68. Section 2110(a)(1) of Chapter 2 of Title 25, Guam
13	Administrative Rules is hereby amended to read:
14	"(1) A person whose certificate , <u>or</u> license, or
15	registration has been revoked or suspended or an individual
16	whose privileges under 22 GCA, §35122 have been revoked or
17	limited, or a firm whose Permit to Practice has been revoked or
18	suspended or a person or firm that has been put on probation
19	pursuant to 22 GCA, §35109 may apply to the Board for

1	modification of the suspension, revocation or probation after
2	completion of all requirements contained in the Board's original
3	order."
4	Section 69. Section 2110(b)(2) of Chapter 2 of Title 25, Guam
5	Administrative Rules is hereby <i>amended</i> to read:
6	"(2) The Board may impose appropriate terms and
7	conditions for reinstatement of a certificate, license, registration,
8	Firm Permit to Practice or privileges under 22 GCA, §35122 or
9	modification of a suspension, revocation or probation."
10	Section 70. Section 2110(b)(3) of Chapter 2 of Title 25, Guam
11	Administrative Rules is hereby <i>amended</i> to read:
12	"(3) In considering an application under §2110(a), the
13	Board may consider all activities of the applicant since the
14	disciplinary penalty from which relief is sought was imposed,
15	the offense for which the applicant was disciplined, the
16	applicant's activities during the time the certificate, license,
17	registration, privileges under 22, GCA §35122 or permit was in
18	good standing, the applicant's rehabilitative efforts, restitution
19	to damaged parties in the matter for which the penalty was

1	imposed, and the applicant's general reputation for truth and
2	professional probity."
3	Section 71. Sections 27 through 70 of this law are considered part of
4	the Guam Administrative Rules and may be amended through the
5	Administrative Adjudication process.
6	Section 72. If any provision of this law or its application to any
7	person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such
8	invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this law which
9	can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to
10	this end the provisions of this law are severable.

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Bureau of Budget & Management Research Fiscal Note of Bill No. <u>242(EC)</u>

Bill Title (Preamble): AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 35 TITLE 22 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE GUAM ACCOUNTANCY ACT OF 2003, AND TO AMEND TITLE 25, CHAPTER 2 OF THE GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, RELATIVE TO POLICIES WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GUAM BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY.

Dept/Agency Affected: Dept. Rev & Tax /Guam Board of Accountancy		
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation (a) to	Dept/Agency Head: Art Ilagan	, Director/ Board of Director
Department's Other Fund (specify): <u>Safe Street, TAF for DRT (\$81,500)/Guppropriation(s)</u> to date:	am Bd of Acctev Fund (6458 224)	\$8,780,11
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	(1455,224)	

FY 2006 Adopted Revenues	General Fund:	Other (specify):	Total:
FY Appro. to <u>P.L. 28-68</u>	\$435,092,898	50	\$435,092,89
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1. Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? If Yes, see attachment		/x / Yes	/ / No
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3. Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies?			/ / No
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Footnotes: 1/ Bill 242(EC) is an act to amend Chapter 35, Title 22 of the GCA and amend Title 25, Chapter 2 of the Guam Administrative Rules in regards to the Guam Accountancy Act of 2003 and the Guam Board of Accountancy. According to the Guam Board of Accountancy, the amendments were coordinated between the Guam Board of Accountancy and the Guam Legislature. The Guam Board of Accountancy, the amendments in the bill which may increase revenue collections: 1) allowing applicants to apply for a certificate and inactive license; and 2) change of educational requirements from 150 semester hours of college education to that of a college education including a baccalaureate (bachelor's degree) or higher. These amendments would allow for more applicants to register and apply to sit on the exam. With the amendments made in FY2003, the number of applicants had decreased due to the stringent requirements imposed.

Bureau of Budget & Management Research Attachment to Fiscal Note No. 242 (EC) (for revenue generating provisions)

		Projected Multi-	'ear Revenues		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
General Fund	\$0	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	
Other Fund:	\$27,000	\$0	50	545,000	\$45,00
Total	\$27,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	<u>50</u> \$45,000	<u>\$45,00</u>

Comments:

The current law is restrictive in that it requires an applicant to apply for both the certificate and license. The Guam Board of Accountancy (GBA) noted that most applicants from foreign countries such as Korea and Japan who come to Guam are generally interested in receiving the certificate. An amendment would allow for an applicant to receive a certificate and inactive license. According to GBA, total applicants will increase each year with an average of approximately 200 applicants a year. Also, the amendment to the educational requirements may increase the number of local students taking the test. Currently, 150 college semester hours are required to take accounting and management courses to take the test. These provisions may increase revenue collections of approximately \$45,000. (\$200 fee per person x 225 applicants = \$45,000)



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Committee Report on

Bill No.242 (EC): "An Act to Amend Chapter 35 Title 22 of the Guam Code Annotated, Relative to the Guam Accountancy Act of 2003, and to Amend Title 25, Chapter 2 of the Guam Administrative Rules, Relative to Policies within the Administrative Rules and Regulations of the Guam Board of Accountancy", as referred and substituted by the Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Commerce.

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I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Commerce held a Public Hearing on, 9:30 a.m. at *I Liheslaturan Guahan's* Public Hearing Room on Bill No. 242 (EC), "An Act To Amend Chapter 35 Title 22 of the Guam Code Annotated, Relative to the Guam Accountancy Act of 2003, and to Amend Title 25, Chapter 2 of the Guam Administrative Rules, Relative to Policies within the Administrative Rules and Regulations of the Guam Board of Accountancy". Notices of this public hearing were disseminated throughout all local media via facsimile and are attached herein.

a. Senators present:

Senator Edward J.B. Calvo, Chairman Senator Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Vice-Chairman Senator Ray Tenorio, Member Senator Frank Aguon, Jr., Member Senator A.B. Palacios, Member Senator Robert Klitzkie Senator Mike Cruz Senator Won Pat

b. Appearing before the Committee:

Mr. Oscar Miyashita, Guam Board of Accountancy Mr. Dave Sanford, Guam Board of Accountancy Ms. Taling Taitano, Guam Board of Accountancy Mr. James Brooks, Private Citizen

II. SUMMARY OF VERBAL TESTIMONIES:

Following introductory remarks by Chairman Edward J.B. Calvo, Ms. Taling Taitano, Chairperson of the Guam Board of Accountancy, provided written and verbal testimony in support of Bill No. 242 (EC). According to Ms. Taitano, the proposed measure addresses four main issues which include the educational qualifications required of Guam's candidates for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Exam; Types of accounting experience required to qualify for a Guam CPA certificate and license to practice; Licensing classifications relative to the requirements met; and Reciprocity requirements relative to national and international standards. Among the issues raised during her presentation, Ms. Taitano discussed changes pursuant to Public Law 28-68, relative to the depositing of Board [Guam Board of Accountancy] revenues directly into the General Fund.

According to Ms. Taitano, the original language of the Guam Accountancy Act of 2003, Section 3504 (d) was taken directly from the *Uniform Accountancy Act (UAA)*, which was approved and recommended by the National Association of State Boards of Accounting (NASBA) and the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA), and was designed to afford the Board of Accountancy the means to appropriately fund its operations in protection of the public at large. While she understood the ever-present need of funding sources for the ostensibly "omnivorous" General Fund, the Board Chairwoman believes the changes in P.L. 28-68, relative to funds generated by the Board, serve only to add duplicative bureaucracy to the operations of the Board, while consequently ever-more delaying rightful payments to the Board's vendors in flagrant violation of 5 GCA, Sections 22502-22507, also known as the *Prompt Payment Act. (Complete text attached)*

Following comments made by Ms. Taitano, other members of the Guam Board of Accountancy, namely Mr. Dave Sanford and Mr. Oscar Miyashita (Managing Partner for the accounting firm, Ernst & Young), also provided comments in support of Bill No. 242 (EC). Mr. Sanford informed the Committee that including American Samoa into the

same jurisdiction as Guam and related areas may possibly be in conflict with the National Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Miyashita shared his concern about the current credit hour requirement that many accounting firms have had problems in recruiting qualified applicants.

Senator Lou Leon Guerrero followed by sharing her surprise that members of the Guam Board of Accountancy are essentially asking to decrease the credit hour requirement for potential CPA applicants. Senator Leon Guerrero was interested in finding out why such board would want to "lower" the standards of its applicants. Representatives from the Board citied a major decline in Guam CPA candidates following the enactment of the "150 hour requirement" in 2003 as the basis for considering changes to the local requirements. Given the delay in implementing this requirement by the States of California and New York until 2012, and the State of Colorado's outright repeal of the requirement in 1999, and the AICPA/NASBA UAA change delaying it until 2012 for reciprocity purposes, the Board believes accepting an accredited baccalaureate degree with a 24 hour accounting and 24 hour general business concentration as fulfilling the educational requirements is sufficient to properly qualify examination candidates. (*Cited from Board's complete testimony, attached*)

Following comments made by members of the public, Chairman Calvo informed and encouraged members of the public that his Committee will continue to accept written testimonies at his office within ten (10) working days following today's hearing.

III. SUMMARY OF WRITTEN TESTIMONIES:

Mr. James Brooks, a private citizen, provided comments suggesting for a complete review of the proposed bill in order to address possible grammatical and use of language errors. After the Committee reviewed Mr. Brooks citations, it was found that the enabling legislation used by the private citizen, was not the accurate version, which is P.L. 27-58, entitled "Guam Board of Accountancy Act of 2003".

IV. COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee finds the Guam Board of Accountancy ("GBA") regulates the practice of public accountancy, as well as the administration of testing, certification, licensure, and enforcement of certified public accountants ("CPAs") for the purpose of protecting the welfare of the general public. The Committee further finds that most state boards of accountancy subscribe to regulatory and professional standards incorporated in the Uniform Accountancy Act ("UAA"), a model code issued and periodically updated by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy ("NASBA") and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA").

Having essentially adopted all provisions of the UAA with enactment of the Guam Accountancy Act of 2003, the GBA has during the ensuing two years determined it is now necessary to incorporate several definitive technical clarifications in Guam's Public Accountancy statutes including: 1) clarification of educational qualifications required of candidates for the CPA Exam; 2) delineation of the types of accounting experience required to qualify for a CPA certificate and license to practice; 3) definition of licensing classifications relative to the requirements met; 4) updating of reciprocity requirements relative to national and international standards; and 5) clarification and/or correction of obvious omissions and/or errors existing in the Guam Accountancy Act of 2003 as originally passed.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* revise existing statutes as well as administrative rules and regulations for the purpose of bettering Guam's compliance with and administration of nationally and internationally accepted standards and practices of public accountancy

The Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Commerce, to which Bill No. 242 (EC) "An Act To Amend Chapter 35 Title 22 of the Guam Code Annotated, Relative to the Guam Accountancy Act of 2003, and to Amend Title 25, Chapter 2 of the Guam Administrative Rules, Relative to Policies within the Administrative Rules and Regulations of the Guam Board of Accountancy", was referred, does hereby submit its findings and recommendations to *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* **TO PASS** Bill No. 242 (EC), as substituted by the Committee.



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Legislative Confirmation and Public Hearing Wednesday, January 25, 2005, 9:30 a.m.

Agenda:

- Governor's appointment of Mr. John R. Ilao to serve as a member of the Guam Alcohol Beverage Control Board
- <u>Bill 235 (EC)</u>: An Act To Appropriate The Sum Of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars From The General Fund To The Office Of The Ordot-Chalan Pago Mayor For The Repair And Resurfacing Of The Tennis And Basketball Courts.
- <u>Bill 236 (EC)</u>: An Act To Appropriate Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) For The Rental Of Office Space In Fiscal Year 2006 For The Mayor's Office Of Piti.
- <u>Bill 242 (EC)</u>: An Act To Amend Chapter 35 Title 22 Of The Guam Code Annotated, Relative To The Guam Accountancy Act Of 2003, And To Amend Title 25, Chapter 2 Of The Guam Administrative Rules, Relative To Policies Within The Administrative Rules And Regulations Of The Guam Board Of Accountancy.
- <u>Bill 243 (EC)</u>: An Act To Appropriate One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$155,262.00) From The Healthy Futures Fund To The Office Of The Attorney General For The Local Matching Requirements Of Federal Funding Awarded For The Sole Purpose Of Procuring New Hardware And Software To Upgrade The Child Support Computer System Aka Absent Parent Automated System Information (APASI).

Individuals wishing to provide verbal/written testimony, please sign your name on the roster sheet available at the legislative staff table.

Committee on Finance, Taxation, & Commerce Office of Finance and Budget

Senator Edward J.B. Calvo, Chairman

TESTIMONY - SIGN IN SHEET

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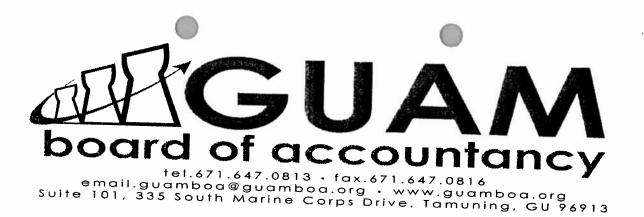
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January 25, 2006

Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo Legislative Secretary and Chairman, Committee on Finance, Taxation and Commerce I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 155 Hessler Place Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Senator Calvo:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to submit this testimony on behalf of the Guam Board of Accountancy supporting the additions, changes and corrections to the original Guam Accountancy Act of 2003 (PL 27-58) embodied in Bill No. 242, introduced by you, Senator Unpingco and Speaker Forbes.

For your reference, enclosed is a Summary Table of Contents that provides a brief explanation of and reason for the Change, Addition or Correction of each section of Bill No. 242. For the sake of expediency, I will directly address the impetus underlying the most salient sections of Bill No. 242, leaving the correction and clarification sections to their more self-explanatory implications.

Please note that the only "hard" corrections noted in our reading of Bill No. 242 are typographical errors in:

- Section 54 Section reference should be 2105(d)(3)
- Section 60 Section reference should be 2106(a)(2)
- Section 63 "amended" should be "added"

The four main issues addressed by Bill No. 242 are:

- Educational qualifications required of Guam candidates for the CPA Exam;
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- Types of accounting experience required to qualify for a Guam CPA certificate and license to practice;
 Licensing classifications and the target
- Licensing classifications relative to the requirements met; and
 Reciprocity requirements met; and
- Reciprocity requirements relative to national and international standards.

Most important, however, the Board fully supports the overarching goal of these changes as a means to enhance Guam's viability as a jurisdiction for CPA examination candidates throughout Micronesia and the Asia-Pacific region.

The first main issue, education requirements for Guam CPA examination candidates, is addressed by the changes in bill sections 8, 9, 36-40, and 44-46. These changes include converting the present "150 hour requirement" to a "baccalaureate degree requirement", reducing the general business





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course requirements from 36 hours to 24 hours, and restoring the provision allowing students to sit for the exam within 5 months of their college graduation. We experienced a major decline in Guam CPA candidates following enactment of the "150 hour requirement" in 2003. Given the delay in implementing this requirement by California and New York until 2012, Colorado's outright repeal of it in 1999, and the AICPA/NASBA UAA change delaying it until 2012 for reciprocity purposes, the Board believes accepting an accredited baccalaureate degree with a 24 hour accounting and 24 hour general business concentration as fulfilling the educational requirements is sufficient to properly qualify examination candidates. The "pre-graduation" provision in section 9 simply restores a provision inadvertently eliminated by PL 27-58 during conversion to a computer-based examination.

The second main issue, types of experience, is addressed by the changes in bill sections 10 and 50. These changes include requiring two (2) years of experience rather than one (1) year, allowing the additional 30 hours of upper level course work under a "150 hour requirement" definition to count as one year's experience, requiring all experience to be verified by an Active Licensee and requiring Attest Services (or audit) experience for authorization to sign attest reports. Under the existing Guam Accountancy Act of 2003, a CPA candidate can obtain a license to practice in Guam, including the authorization to perform and issue audit reports, without ever having had any auditing experience or public accounting experience whatsoever. The changes implemented by Bill No. 242 are designed to more properly qualify CPAs to practice in today's business environment, while in turn providing an improved measure of protection for the public served by the Guam CPA community.

The third main issue, licensing classifications, is addressed by the changes in bill sections 10, 13, 27, 48, 52, 53 and 57. These changes essentially define the Active, Inactive, Retired and Delinquent license statuses, and provide for issuance, renewal and cancellation of certificates, licenses and permits. In that Guam supports a vast population of foreign-based CPAs, many of whom will never actually practice under an active license in Guam, the Board desired to implement a licensing structure that enables issuance, renewal and cancellation of Inactive, as well as, Active licenses. These changes make it possible for the Board to issue (and better track) Guam CPA certificates with Inactive licenses to many of our foreign-based applicants, that must be renewed annually or face subsequent cancellation. These changes also implement a previously unavailable option for an Active licensee to request a "retired" designation that can be properly indicated to the public.

The fourth main issue, national and international reciprocity and standards, is addressed in bill sections 5, 12, 22, 49 and 58. These changes serve to more easily effectuate the application of reciprocity standards on a national and international level, relative to cross-border licensing, which the Board believes is apropos given the current level of cooperation occurring among international accounting and auditing standards setting bodies.

Finally, I would like to address the changes in the 2006 Budget Act (PL 28-68) that *blindsided* the Board. Section 2 identifies Special Revenue Funds of \$455,224 generated by the Board in FY2006, and section 22 appropriates this same amount to the Department of Revenue and Taxation for Board operations, apparently separate and apart from the section 3 Department of Revenue and Taxation that he will not sign a Memorandum of Understanding covering the disbursement of funds for the Board's expenses as he does not want to "go to jail" for unauthorized expenditures in excess of available cash, given that the Board's revenues are, per section 51, now deposited directly in the General Fund and the General Fund, as we all know, "had no cash".

The original wording of the Guam Accountancy Act of 2003, section 35104(d) was taken directly from *the Uniform Accountancy Act approved and recommended by the National Association of State Boards of Accounting and the American Institute of CPAs*, and was designed to afford the Board of Accountancy the means to appropriately fund its operations in protection of the public at large.

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While I understand the ever-present need of funding sources for the ostensibly "omnivorous" General Fund, I believe the changes in PL 28-68 essentially eliminating the Board's special fund and appropriating the Board's funding to the Department of Revenue and Taxation serve only to add duplicative bureaucracy to the operations of the Board, while consequently ever-more delaying the *Prompt Payment Act.*

In the event, I strongly urge the restoration of the original language from the NASBA/AICPA jointly approved and recommended Uniform Accountancy Act (see pre-amended 22 GCA Section 35104(d)), with an added subsection to affect an annual "excess funds" sweep from the Guam Board of Accountancy Fund to the General Fund, if desired. This would accomplish the desired funding sources sweep annually (which could, I believe, be budgeted with reasonable accuracy in foreseeable future) while eliminating unnecessary added bureaucracy.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to express our full support for Bill No. 242, which we believe will surely enable many more of Guam's foreign CPA examination candidates a better opportunity to obtain their exam application approvals and, upon passing, their CPA certification.

I would be pleased to answer questions or provide any additional information you may need. Thank you.

Very truly yours, Chairwoman

Enclosures

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January 25, 2006

Honorable J. B. Calvo Chairman, Committee on Finance, Taxation and Commerce 28th Guam Legislature Hagåtňa, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Reference Bill 242, an Act to Amend 22 GCA, Chapter 35:

In reviewing Bill 242, I note the following:

Section 3, to amend 22 GCA § 35103(r), does not include American American American American American Samoa, a U. S. jurisdiction that also licenses CPAs according AICPA South Standards;

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Section 6, to amend 22 GCA § 35104(a), omits portions of the paragraph as it exists without showing deleted words by strike out marks;

Section 7, to amend 22 GCA § 35105(b), includes an unnecessary comma in the third line after the word license;

Section 9, to amend 22 GCA § 35105(d)(2), sets the effective date as October 1, 2005, rather than a prospective date [The 2005 date may have been used at the time of introduction in contemplation of the bill being enacted before that date.];

Section 10, to amend 22 GCA § 35105(f),

omits portions of the paragraph as it exists without showing deleted words by strike out marks;

again uses October 2005 instead of a prospective date;

and raises the question of whether employment with the Office of the Public Auditor would qualify as "practice of public accountancy" for experience necessary to be admitted to profession.

I respectfully suggest that the bill be reviewed closely to be sure that those sections that indicate an amendment is being made follow exactly the existing law and that deletions and additions be shown clearly.

Yours truly James S. Brooks



February 6, 2006

Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo Legislative Secretary and Chairman, Committee on Finance, Taxation and Commerce I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 155 Hessler Place Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Senator Calvo:

Enclosed please find an addendum to Bill 242 which will restore the Guam Board of Accountancy Fund and funding provisions.

If you recall, we promised to send to you the suggested language to restore the Special Fund and its provisions during the Public Hearing on Bill 242.

We hope this meets with your favor. As always, we know we can count on your assistance on this matter. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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Dave N. Sanford Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Taling Taitano, Chairwoman

	Senator Edward J.B. Calvo SECRETARY OF THE LEGISLATURE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT					
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BILL 242 ADDENDUM

TO RESTORE THE GUAM BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY FUND AND FUNDING PROVISIONS EQUIVALENT WITH SUCH PROVISIONS OF OTHER GUAM PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS

3 Section 72. Section 35104(d) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code Annotated is
4 hereby *amended* to read:

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5 "(d) Notwithstanding the Central Accounting Act, Aall fees and money collected by the Board under this Chapter shall be received and accounted 6 7 for by the Board and deposited in a special fund known as the Guam Board of Accountancy Fund. This fund shall be established by the Board and kept 8 in a bank licensed to do business on Guam, and funds shall be paid out only 9 upon a request for payment, or requisition, submitted by the Executive 10 Director and countersigned by the Chairperson of the Board, or other 11 12 member specifically designated by the Board. All monies in this fund are hereby specifically appropriated only the General Fund. All funds shall be 13 appropriated to the Board by I Liheslaturan Guåhan, for the use of the 14 15 Board in the pursuit of its authority. No disbursement of funds appropriated 16 shall be made unless the same has been approved, authorized and ordered by 17 the Board. Such monies shall be utilized solely for the expenses of administering the provisions of this Chapter, which may include, but shall 18 not be limited to, the costs of conducting investigations and of taking 19 testimony and procuring the attendance of witnesses before the Board or its 20 committees; all legal proceedings taken under this Chapter for the 21 enforcement thereof; and educational programs for the benefit of the public 22 23 and licensees and their employees. The Board shall make expenditures from this fund for any purpose which is approved by the Board as reasonable and 24 25 necessary for the proper performance of its duties under this Chapter,

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including the expenses of the Board delegates to attend meetings of and the membership fees to the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy. The Board shall approve and submit an annual budget to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* Oon or before March 30, 2006 for Fiseal Year 2007 and January 30th for each following fiscal year, thereafter, the Board shall approve and submit to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* its annual budget for the following fiscal year. If the Board fails to submit a budget for the next fiscal year, or if *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* fails to approve the annual budget before the next fiscal year, the current fiscal year's budget shall become law for the next fiscal year, subject to legislative modification. On or before December 1st of each fiscal year, the Board shall prepare and submit to *I Maga'lahen Guahan* and to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* a report of its transactions for the preceding fiscal year, including a complete statement of receipts and expenditures of the Board attested by affidavits of its Chairperson and Executive Director."

(i) <u>Annual</u> Transfer of Funds, <u>Appropriations and Obligations</u>. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2007, all funds, balances and _unreserved fund balances <u>and funds in excess of any outstanding obligations or</u> <u>encumbrances</u> of the Guam Board of Accountancy Fund <u>as of the end</u> <u>of each fiscal year shall be transferred annually to the General Fund.</u> <u>Any past appropriation, outstanding obligation or encumbrances</u> <u>remaining with the Guam Board of Accountancy Fund shall be</u> <u>assumed and obligated by the General Fund beginning in Fiscal Year</u> <u>2007.</u>"

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1	Section 73. Section 22 of Chapter III of Public Law 28-68, known as the General
2	Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2006, is hereby amended to read:
3	"Section 22. Guam Board of Accountancy. The sum of Four
4	Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-four Dollars
5	(\$455,224) is appropriated from the Guam Board of Accountancy
6	Fund to the Board of AccountancyDepartment of Revenue and
7	Taxation for its the operations of the Guam Board of Accountancy in
8	Fiscal Year 2006."
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January 19, 2006 (via-e-mail)

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Håfa adai,

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Confirmation and Public Hearing Notice

5 GCA §8108 (Special)

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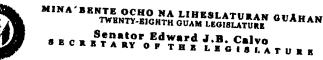
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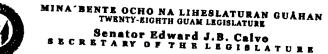
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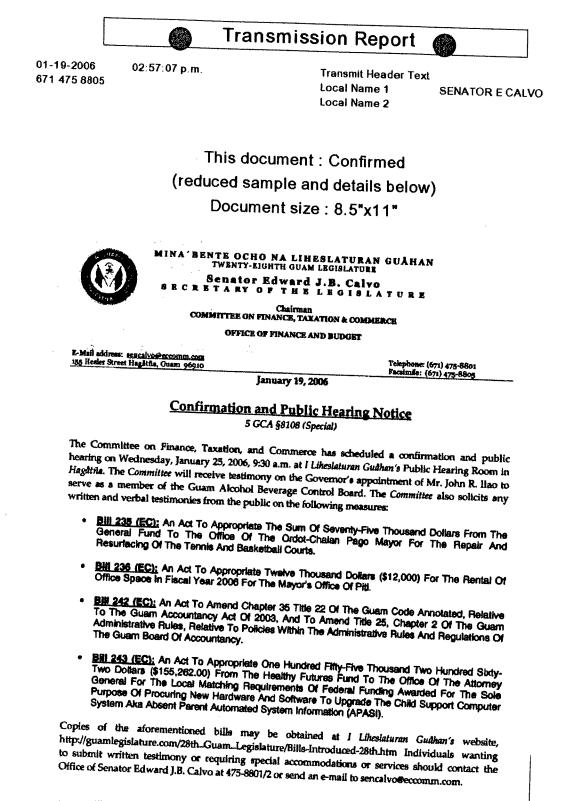
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Confirmation and Public Hearing Notice

5 GCA §8108 (Special)

The Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Commerce has scheduled a confirmation and public hearing on Wednesday, January 25, 2006, 9:30 a.m. at I Liheslaturan Gudhan's Public Hearing Room in Haghtha. The Committee will receive testimony on the Governor's appointment of Mr. John R. Ilao to serve as a member of the Guam Alcohol Beverage Control Board. The Committee also solicits any written and verbal testimonies from the public on the following measures:

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Bill 243 (EC): An Act To Appropriate One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$155,262.00) From The Healthy Futures Fund To The Office Of The Attorney General For The Local Matching Requirements Of Federal Funding Awarded For The Sole Purpose Of Procuring New Hardware And Software To Upgrade The Child Support Computer System Aka Absent Parent Automated System Information (APASI).

Copies of the aforementioned bills may be obtained at I Liheslaturan Gudhan's website, http://guamlegislature.com/28th_Guam_Legislature/Bills-Introduced-28th.htm Individuals wanting to submit written testimony or requiring special accommodations or services should contact the Office of Senator Edward J.B. Calvo at 475-8801/2 or send an e-mail to sencelvo@eccomm.com.

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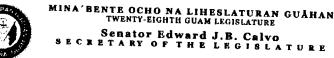


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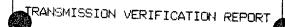
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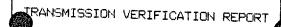
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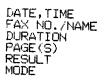
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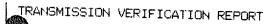
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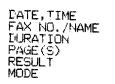




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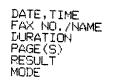




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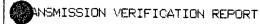
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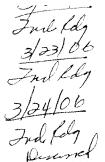
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I MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 242 (EC)

Substituted by the Committee on Finance, Taxation and Commerce

Introduced by:

Edward J.B. Calvo A.R. Unpingco Mark Forbes

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 35 TITLE 22 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE GUAM ACCOUNTANCY ACT OF 2003, AND TO AMEND TITLE 25, CHAPTER 2 OF THE GUAM **ADMINISTRATIVE** RULES, **RELATIVE** TO POLICIES WITHIN THE ADMINSTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GUAM BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY AND ТО TRANSFER APPROPRIATION TO THE GUAM BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*finds the Guam Board of Accountancy ("GBA") regulates the practice of
public accountancy, as well as the administration of testing, certification,
licensure, and enforcement of certified public accountants ("CPAs") for the
purpose of protecting the welfare of the general public. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds most state boards of accountancy subscribe to
regulatory and professional standards incorporated in the Uniform

Accountancy Act ("UAA"), a model code issued and periodically updated
 by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy ("NASBA")
 and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA").

Having essentially adopted all provisions of the UAA with 4 enactment of the Guam Accountancy Act of 2003 ("the ACT"), GBA has 5 6 during the ensuing two years determined it is now necessary to incorporate several definitive technical clarifications in Guam's Public 7 8 Accountancy statutes including: 1) clarification of educational 9 qualifications required of candidates for the CPA Exam; 2) delineation of 10 the types of accounting experience required to qualify for a CPA certificate and license to practice; 3) definition of licensing classifications relative to 11 the requirements met; 4) updating of reciprocity requirements relative to 12 national and international standards; and 5) clarification and/or correction 13 14 of obvious omissions and/or errors existing in the ACT as originally 15 passed.

16 It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to revise existing 17 statutes as well as administrative rules and regulations for the purpose of 18 bettering Guam's compliance with and administration of nationally and 19 internationally accepted standards and practices of public accountancy.

- Section 2. Section 35103(b) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code
 Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:
- 22 "(b) 'Attest' means providing the following financial
 23 statement services:

1	(1) any audit or other engagement to be performed in
2	accordance with the Statements on Auditing Standards ('SAS');
3	(2) any review of a financial statement to be performed
4	in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Accounting
5	and Review Services ('SSARS'); and
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	(3) any examination of prospective financial information
7	engagement to be performed in accordance with the Statements
8	on Standards for Attestation Engagements ('SSAE')."
9	The statements on standards specified in this definition shall be
10	adopted by reference by the Board pursuant to rulemaking and shall
11	be those developed for general application by recognized national
12	accountancy organizations such as the AICPA and the PCAOB.
13	Section 3. Section 35103(r) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code
14	Annotated is hereby <i>amended</i> to read:
15	"(r) 'State' means any state of the United States, the District of
16	Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, and Guam,
17	and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands."
18	Section 4. A <i>new</i> Subsection (t) is <i>added</i> to §35103 of Chapter 35 of
19	Title 22, Guam Code Annotated to read:
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	<u>Oversight Board.</u> "
22	Section 5. A new Subsection (u) is added to §35103 of Chapter 35 of

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1 Title 22, Guam Code Annotated to read:

2 "(u) 'Principal place of business' means the office location
 3 designated by the licensee for purposes of substantial equivalency
 4 and reciprocity."

5 Section 6. Section 35104(a) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code
6 Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

7 "(a) There is hereby created the Guam Board of Accountancy, which shall have responsibility for the administration 8 and 9 enforcement of this Chapter. The Board shall consist of five (5) members appointed by I Maga'lahi, all of whom shall be residents of 10 11 Guam and holders of licenses currently valid under §35106 of this 12 Chapter. The term of each member of the Board shall be four (4) 13 Vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled by years. 14 appointment by I Maga'lahi for the unexpired remaining term, 15 provided that all appointments first occurring after this Guam 16 Accountancy Act becomes law, whether due to term expiration or 17 otherwise, shall be for terms of the following lengths: the first two 18 appointments for two year terms, the second two appointments for 19 three year terms and a third single appointment for a four year term, 20 until the Board shall have no more than two terms expiring in any 21 one year. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for four year terms. 22 Upon the expiration of a member's term of office, such member shall 23 continue to serve until a successor shall have been appointed and

taken office. Any member of the Board whose certificate under §35105 of this Chapter is revoked, or suspended shall automatically cease to be a member of the Board. I Maga'lahi may, after a hearing pursuant to the Administration Adjudication Law, remove any member of the Board for neglect of duty or other cause."

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lolg FAI Section 7. Section 35105(b) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

8 "(b) Good moral character for purposes of this §35105 means the propensity to provide professional services in a fair, honest, and open manner, lack-of-a history of dishonest-or felonious t, 10 11 acts. The Board may refuse to grant a certificate- or license, on the 12 ground of failure to satisfy this requirement only if there is a 13 substantial connection between the lack of good moral character of 14 the applicant and the professional responsibilities of a licensee and *if* 15 the finding by the Board of lack of good moral character is supported 16 by clear and convincing evidence. When an applicant is found to be unqualified for a certificate or license because of a lack of good moral 17 18 character, the Board shall furnish the applicant a statement 19 containing the findings of the Board, a complete record of the 20 evidence upon which the determination was based, and a notice of 21 the applicant's right of appeal."

22 Section 8. Section 35105(c) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read: 23

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FLOOR AMENDMENTS/CHANGES Bill No. _242

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"(c) The education requirement for a certificate shall be at
least one hundred fifty (150) semester hours of <u>a</u> college education
including a baccalaureate, or higher degree, conferred by a college or
university acceptable to the Board, the total educational program to
include an accounting concentration, or equivalent, as determined by
Board rule to be appropriate."

7 Section 9. Section 35105(d)(2) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code
8 Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

9 Notwithstanding Title 22 GCA, §35105(c), beginning "(2) 10 August 1, 2003, the educational requirement, which must be met 11 before an applicant is qualified to take the examination prescribed in 12 Subsection (d)(1) shall be as follows: the completion of a 13 baccalaureate degree, or its equivalent, conferred by a college or 14 university acceptable to the Board, with an accounting and business 15 concentration, or equivalent, as determined by Board rule to be appropriate, within 150 days following the examination. No credit for 16 the examination shall be granted if the education requirement is not 17 completed within such time." 18

Section 10. Section 35105(f) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code
Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

"(f) An applicant for initial issuance of a certificate and
 inactive license under this §35105 shall show that the applicant has
 met the education and examination requirements as defined herein

1 and as prescribed by the Board by rule.

2 An applicant for initial issuance of a certificate and active 3 license under this §35105 shall show that the applicant has met the 4 education and examination requirements and has had two (2) one (1) years of experience as defined herein and in the Rules as prescribed 5 6 by the Board by rule; or if the applicant's educational qualifications 7 comprise a baccalaureate degree with an accounting concentration, or 8 equivalent, as determined by the Board to be appropriate, and not 9 less than thirty (30) semester hours of additional study in the field of 10 business or related subjects, then that such applicant shall have had 11 one (1) year of experience as defined herein and as prescribed by the Board by rule. This experience shall include providing any type of 12 13 service or advice involving the use of accounting, attest, compilation, 14 management advisory, financial advisory, tax or consulting skills all 15 of which must be was verified by an active licensee, meeting 16 requirements prescribed by the Board by rule. This experience 17 would be acceptable if it was gained through employment in 18 government, industry, academia or public practice, meeting all 19 requirements prescribed by the Board by rule. To be authorized to 20 sign reports on attest engagements, an applicant shall show that the 21 applicant has had experience in attest services as prescribed by the 22 Board by rule. The type of experience now acceptable can be applied 23 retroactively.

1 An applicant for initial licensure, or initial certification, who 2 first sat for the exam as a Guam candidate in May 2000 or prior, shall 3 have had two (2) years of experience in the practice of public accountancy, meeting requirements prescribed by the Board by rule; 4 5 if the applicant's educational qualifications comprise or, а 6 baccalaureate degree with an accounting concentration, or 7 equivalent, as determined by the Board to be appropriate, and not less than thirty (30) semester hours of additional study in the field of 8 9 business or related subjects, then that such applicant shall have had 10 one (1) year of experience in such practice;

An applicant for initial licensure or initial certification who first sat for the exam as a Guam candidate in November 2000, or *after*, <u>but</u> <u>before October 2005</u>, shall have had one (1) year of experience in the practice of public accountancy, meeting requirements prescribed by the Board by rule;

An applicant for initial licensure. or initial certification and active licensure, who first sat for the exam as other than a Guam candidate and did *not* meet Guam's current <u>a</u> one hundred fifty (150) hour educational requirements at the time of first sitting shall have had two (2) years of experience in the practice of public accountancy, raeeting requirements prescribed by the Board by rule;

22 An applicant for initial licensure or initial certification <u>and</u> 23 <u>active licensure</u> who first sat for the exam as other than a Guam

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 hour educational requirements at the time of first sitting shall have
 had one year of experience in the practice of public accountancy,
 meeting requirements prescribed by the Board by rule."

5 Section 11. Section 35105(g) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code
6 Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

"(g) Upon the effective date of this Chapter, any person
holding a valid certificate issued under *prior* Guam law shall be
deemed to have met the requirements for certification set out in this
§35105. Individuals who held certificates issued prior to the effective
date of this <u>Llaw</u> will be marked 'inactive' unless they are issued
licenses pursuant to and in accordance with §35106."

Section 12. Section 35106(c)(1) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code
Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

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"(c) **Non-substantial equivalency reciprocity**. (1) With regard to applicants that do not qualify for reciprocity under the substantial equivalency standard set out in §35122 of this Chapter, the Board shall issue a license to a holder of a certificate, license, or permit issued by another state upon a showing that:

20 (A) The applicant passed the <u>uniform CPA</u>
21 examination required for issuance of the applicant's
22 certificate with grades that would have been passing
23 grades at the time in Guam;

(B) The applicant had four (4) years of experience outside of Guam of the type described in §35105(f) or meets <u>comparable</u> equivalent requirements prescribed by the Board by rule, after passing the examination upon which the applicant's certificate was based and within the ten (10) years immediately preceding the application; and

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(C) If the applicant's certificate, license, or permit
was issued more than four (4) years prior to the
application for issuance of an initial license under this
Section, that the applicant has fulfilled the requirements
of continuing professional education that would have
been applicable under Subsection (d) of this Section."

Section 13. Section 35106(d) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code
Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

"(d) For renewal of a license under this §35106 each licensee 15 shall participate in a program of learning designed to maintain 16 17 professional competency. Such program of learning must comply 18 with rules adopted by the Board. The Board may by rule create an 19 exception to this requirement for certificate holders who do not 20 perform or offer to perform for the public one (1) or more kinds of 21 services involving the use of accountingeor auditing skills, including issuance of reports on financial statements, or of one (1) or more 22 kinds of management advisory, financial advisory or consulting 23

services, or the preparation of tax returns or the furnishing of advice
on tax matters. Licensees granted such an exception by the Board
must place the word 'inactive', or such other indicative wording as
the Board may prescribe by rule, adjacent to their CPA title on any
business card, letterhead or any other document or device, with the
exception of their CPA certificate, on which their CPA title appears."

Section 14. Section 35106(e) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code
Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

9 "(e) [Deleted]. For renewal of a license under this §35106, each 10 licensee shall participate in a program of learning designed to 11 maintain professional competency. Such program of learning must 12 comply with rules adopted by the Board. The Board may by rule 13 create an exception to this requirement. Licensees granted such an 14 exception by the Board must place the word "inactive" adjacent to 15 their CPA title on any business card, letterhead, or any other 16 document or device with the exception of their CPA certificate on which their CPA title appears." 17

Section 15. Section 35107(d)(4) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code
Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

20"(4) Any individual licensee who signs or authorizes21someone to sign the report on the financial statements on behalf22of the CPA firm shall meet the competency requirement of23 $\S35107(\underline{de})(3)$."

Section 16. Section 35107(i)(3) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code
 Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

3 "(3) may require, with respect to peer reviews 4 contemplated by §35107(i)(2), that they be subject to oversight 5 by the Board or an oversight body established or sanctioned by 6 Board rule, which body shall periodically report to the Board 7 on the effectiveness of the review program under its charge, 8 and provide to the Board a listing of CPA firms that have 9 participated in a peer review program that is satisfactory to the 10 Board; and"

Section 17. The Title of §35109 of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code
Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

13 "§35109. Enforcement-<u>Grounds for Discipline</u> Against
 14 Holders of Certificates, Licenses, Firm Permits to Practice and 22
 15 GCA §35122 Practitioners."

Section 18. Section 35109(a) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code
Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

"(a) After notice and hearing pursuant to §35111 of this
Chapter, the Board may revoke any certificate, licenses, or Firm
Permit to Practice issued under §35105, §35106, or §35107 or
corresponding provisions of prior law, or revoke or limit privileges
under §35122; suspend any such certificate, license or Firm Permit to
Practice or refuse to renew any such certificate, license, or Firm

Permit to Practice for a period of not more than five (5) years; reprimand, censure, or limit the scope of practice of any licensee; impose an administrative fine not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), or place any licensee on probation, all with or without terms, conditions, and limitations, for any one (1)or more of the following reasons:

(1) <u>Dishonesty</u>, Ffraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate, license, Firm Permit to Practice, or §35122 privilege;

9 (2) Cancellation, revocation, suspension, or refusal to 10 renew a license or privileges under §35122 for disciplinary 11 reasons in any other state for any cause;

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(3) Failure, on the part of a holder of a licensee under
§35106 or Firm Permit to Practice under §35107, to maintain
compliance with the requirements for issuance, or renewal of
such license or Firm Permit to Practice, or to report changes to
the Board under §35106(g) or §35107(g);

17 (4) Revocation or suspension of the right to practice
18 before any state or Federal agency;

(5) Dishonesty, fraud, <u>deceit</u> or gross negligence in the
performance of services as a licensee or individual granted
privileges under §35122, or in the filing or failure to file one's
own income tax returns, or other required tax filings;

(6) Violation of any provision of this Chapter, or rule

promulgated by the Board under this Chapter, or violation of
 professional standards;

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(7) Violation of any rule of professional conduct promulgated by the Board under §35104(h)(4) of this Chapter;

(8) Conviction of a felony, or of any <u>other</u> crime an
element of which is dishonesty, <u>deceit</u> or fraud, under the laws
of the United States, of Guam, or of any other state, *if* the acts
involved would have constituted a crime under the laws of
Guam;

(9) Performance of any fraudulent act while holding a
certificate, license, Firm Permit to Practice, or §35122 privilege
issued under this Chapter, or prior law;

(10) Any conduct reflecting adversely upon the
licensee's fitness to perform services while a licensee, or
individual granted privileges under §35122; and

(<u>11</u>) Making any false or misleading statement or
 verification, in support of an application for a certificate or Firm
 Permit to Practice filed by another<u>; and</u>-

(12) Failure to pay child support as determined by the
 Child Support Enforcement Division of the Office of the Attorney
 General Office of Guam."

Section 19. Section 35109(c) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code
Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

"(c) In any proceeding in which a remedy provided by
§35109(a) or §35109(b) is imposed, the Board may also require the
respondent licensee to pay the costs of <u>the investigation</u>, the
proceeding and <u>other related costs</u>, fees including reasonable
attorneys fees, incurred by the Board."

6 Section 20. A *new* Subsection (1) is hereby *added* to §35111(a) of
7 Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code Annotated to read:

"(1) A licensee, a holder of a certificate, or an individual with
privileges under §35122 against whom a complaint has been issued
under this §35111 may waive in writing their right to a hearing before
the Board on such charge(s), thus sustaining such charge(s) and
accepting such penalty as may be imposed by the Board with respect
thereto."

Section 21. Section 35112(a) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code
Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

"(a) In any case where the Board has suspended or revoked <u>or</u>
 refused to renew a certificate, license, a Firm Permit to Practice, or
 privileges under §35122 refused to renew a certificate or Firm Permit
 to Practice, the Board may, upon application in writing by the person
 or firm affected and for good cause shown, modify the suspension, or
 reissue the certificate, license, or Firm Permit to Practice, or remove
 the limitation or revocation of privileges under §35122."

23 Section 22. Section 35113(b) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code

1 Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

2 "(b) Licensees performing attest or compilation services must 3 provide those services in accordance with applicable professional 4 standards." Section 23. Section 35119 of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code 5 Annotated is hereby *amended* to read: 6 7 "§35119. Priv<u>ityacy</u> of Contract." 8 Section 24. Section 35121(c)(2)(D) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read: 9 10 "(D) In no event shall the damages awarded 11 against or paid by a licensee exceed the amount 12 determined under (C) or twenty (20) times the total fee 13 paid, or to be paid, to licensee by plaintiff, whichever is 14 less. The licensee shall not be jointly liable on any 15 judgment entered against any other party to the action." 16 Section 25. Section 35122(a)(2) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read: 17 18 "(2) An individual whose principal place of business is 19 not in Guam having a valid certificate or license as a Certified 20 Public Accountant from any state which the NASBA National 21 Qualification Appraisal Service has not verified to be in @ er. 22 substantial equivalence with the CPA licensure requirements of 23 the AICPA/NASBA Uniform Accountancy Act shall be

1 presumed to have qualifications substantially equivalent to the 2 requirements of Guam and shall have all the privileges of 3 certificate holders and licensees of Guam without the need to 4 obtain a certificate or license under §35105 or §35106, if such 5 individual obtains from the NASBA National Qualification 6 Appraisal Service verification that such individual's CPA 7 qualifications are substantially equivalent to the CPA licensure requirements of the AICPA/NASBA Uniform Accountancy Act. 8 9 However, such individuals shall file written notice with the 10 Board, on such form as may be specified by the Board, of their 11 intent to enter Guam under this provision, shall pay any fee 12 required, and shall have received written confirmation of 13 receipt of such notice from the Board prior to practicing as a 14 CPA."

15 Section 26. Section 35122(d) of Chapter 35 of Title 22, Guam Code 16 Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

17 "(<u>c</u>d)The provisions of this section only apply to individual
18 licensees. No firm, as defined in §35103(g), shall <u>practice public</u>
19 <u>accountancy perform services as a certified public accountant</u> in
20 Guam without a Firm Permit to Practice issued pursuant to §35107."
21 Section 27. A new Subsection (f) of §2102 of Chapter 2 of Title 25,
22 Guam Administrative Rules is hereby *added* to read:

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"(f) 'License' means any certificate and license issued under

1 §35106 of this Chapter, or a certificate or individual permit to 2 practice issued under corresponding provisions of prior law, 3 with one of the following statuses, as prescribed by the Board 4 by rule: 5 (1) 'Active License' status means a license issued and 6 timely renewed under §35106 of this Chapter to an 7 applicant fulfilling all education, examination and 8 experience requirements of §35105 of this Chapter. An 9 Active License status entitles the licensee to practice 10 public accountancy in Guam. Active status licenses issued

11after October 1, 2005, will indicate on the face thereof12whether the licensee has fulfilled the attest experience13requirements and is authorized to perform attest services14in Guam;

15 (2) 'Inactive License' status means a license issued and 16 timely renewed under §35106 of this Chapter to an 17 applicant fulfilling only the education and examination 18 requirements, but not the experience requirements, of 19 §35105 of this Chapter. Inactive status licenses may also 20 be granted by the Board as an exception under §35106(d) 21 of this Chapter, as prescribed by rule. An Inactive status 22 licensee is not authorized to and shall not practice public 23 accountancy in Guam. All Inactive status licensees are

1	granted an exception under 25 GAR §2105(g)(1) to the
2	CPE renewal requirements of 25 GAR §2105(d)(1) and
3	must comply with the requirements of 25 GAR §2105(g)
4	applicable to each Inactive status licensee's exception;
5	(3) 'Retired License' status means any valid, timely
6	renewed Active status or Inactive status license that a
7	licensee requests be granted retired status as an exception
8	by the Board under §35106(d) of this Chapter, as
9	prescribed by rule. Retired status licensees are granted an
10	exception under 25 GAR §2105(g)(1) to the CPE renewal
11	requirements of 25 GAR §2105(d)(1) and must comply
12	with the requirements of 25 GAR §2105(g) applicable to
13	their exception; and
14	(4) 'Delinquent License' status means any certificate,
15	license or permit issued under this Act, or under
16	corresponding provisions of prior law, that is not timely
17	renewed under §35106 or §35107 of this Chapter or as
18	prescribed by the Board by rule."
19	Section 28. Section 2103(d)(1)(B) of Chapter 2 of Title 25, Guam
20	Administrative Rules is hereby <i>amended</i> to read:
21	"(B) NASBA/Prometric/AICPA Fees, Actual
22	amounts specified in the CBT Services
23	Agreement between AICPA, NASBA, and

1	Pro	metric, as amended from time to time."
2	Section 29. A new Subsect	ion (D) of §2103(d)(1) of Chapter 2 of Title
3	25, Guam Administrative Rules i	
4	<u>"(D) Ap</u>	plication for Expiration Extensions (for
5		tice to Schedule, Conditional Credits, etc.),
6		enty-five Dollars (\$25.00)/application."
7		l)(2)(A)(iv) of Chapter 2 of Title 25, Guam
8	Administrative Rules is hereby a	
9) Substantial Equivalency, per 22 GCA,
10		§35122, <u>Two One</u> -Hundred Fifty Dollars
11		(\$ <u>200</u> 150.00)."
12	Section 31. Section 2103(c	d)(2)(B) of Chapter 2 of Title 25, Guam
13	Administrative Rules is hereby an	
14		ewal <u>(annually).</u>
15	(i)	Active, per 22 GCA, §35105(f), Seventy-
16		Five Dollars (\$75.00).
17	(ii)	Inactive, per 22 GCA, §35105(<u>f</u> g),
18		Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00).
19	(iii)	Foreign, per 22 GCA, §35106(h),
20		Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00).
21	sti (iv)	
22		§35122, One Hundred Fifty Dollars
23		(\$150.00).

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