

*I Mina'Trentai Kuáttro Na Liheslaturan*  
**BILL STATUS**

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES	NOTES
334-34 (COR)	FRANK B. AGUON, JR.	AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 122317 AND 122318 OF ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 12, PART 2, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE UPON THE PROMULGATION AND ENACTMENT OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS.	8/17/18 11:19 a.m.	8/24/18	Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens	10/11/18 9:00 a.m.	10/26/18 11:13 a.m.	Fiscal Note Request 8/24/18  Fiscal Note Waiver 9/7/18	
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**RAY TENORIO**  
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Honorable Therese M. Terlaje  
Acting Speaker  
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Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

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Time: 11:25

Received by: [Signature]

Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 334-34 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 122317 AND 122318 OF ARTICLE 23, PART 2, CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE UPON THE PROMULGATION AND ENACTMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SAME," which was signed on December 28, 2018, as Public Law 34-156.

*Senseramente,*

[Signature]  
EDDIE BAZA CALVO

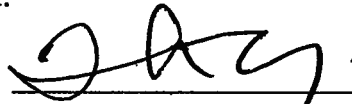
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**2018 (SECOND) Regular Session**

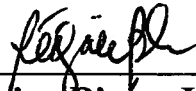
**CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'LÁHEN GUÁHAN***

This is to certify that Bill No. 334-34 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 122317 AND 122318 OF ARTICLE 23, PART 2, CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE UPON THE PROMULGATION AND ENACTMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SAME," was on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018, duly and regularly passed.



Therese M. Terlaje  
Acting Speaker

Attested:



Régine Biscoe Lee  
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'láhen Guáhan* this 17<sup>th</sup> day of DEC,  
2018, at 5:30 o'clock P.M.



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APPROVED:

  
EDWARD J.B. CALVO  
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Date: DEC 28 2018

Public Law No. 34-156

***I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2018 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 334-34 (COR)**

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 122317 AND 122318 OF ARTICLE 23, PART 2, CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE UPON THE PROMULGATION AND ENACTMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SAME.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guáhan* finds  
3 that the enactment of and the amendment to the Social Work Practice Act (SWPA)  
4 did not account for the period of time needed to apply for a Certificate of Exemption  
5 or meet the conditions for an exception under said provisions of law.

1 As a result, the period to apply for a Certificate of Exemption has expired and  
2 the conditions to be granted an exception under the provision of law requires all  
3 applications be received by the date of the promulgation and enactment of the rules  
4 and regulations.

5 *I Liheslatura* further finds that by extending the sunset provision of the SWPA  
6 to six (6) months of the promulgation of rules and regulations for the same,  
7 individuals seeking to obtain a Certificate of Exemption or meet the conditions for  
8 an exception from licensure will be afforded an acceptable period of time.

9 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to allow individuals  
10 seeking to obtain a Certificate of Exemption or meet the conditions for an exception  
11 from social work licensure to do so within six (6) months of the promulgation of  
12 rules and regulations governing the SWPA.

13 **Section 2.** The first paragraph of § 122317 of Article 23, Part 2, Chapter 12,  
14 Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is *amended* to read:

15 **“§ 122317. Exemptions.**

16 Exemptions may be granted to non-social work degree holders who are  
17 employed with the job title “social worker” or any derivative thereof. Those  
18 granted a Certificate of Exemption by the Board would be allowed to remain  
19 in their social work positions without a social work license. Persons may apply  
20 for a Certificate of Exemption within six (6) months of the promulgation of  
21 the rules and regulations. The Certificate of Exemption *shall* be effective  
22 indefinitely throughout the course of the person’s professional career.”

23 **Section 3.** § 122318 of Article 23, Part 2, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code  
24 Annotated, is *amended* to read:

25 **“§ 122318. Exceptions.**

26 An exception is granted to any person meeting the following  
27 conditions:

1 (a) a person who is employed or has retired with the job title “social  
2 worker” or any derivative thereof and possesses a Bachelor’s, Master’s, or  
3 Ph.D. degree in the field of social work from an accredited or unaccredited  
4 social work degree program as of the date of passage of this law. Those  
5 granted exceptions must obtain a social work license within six (6) months of  
6 the promulgation of the rules and regulations;

7 (b) a person who self-identifies as a social worker and possesses a  
8 Bachelor’s, Master’s, or Ph.D. degree in the field of social work from an  
9 accredited or unaccredited social work degree program upon enactment of this  
10 Act. Those granted exceptions must obtain a social work license within six (6)  
11 months of the promulgation of the rules and regulations; and

12 (c) a person who possesses a non-social work degree, but possesses  
13 a degree in a related social science, to include degrees such as psychology,  
14 sociology, counseling, human relations and human services, political science,  
15 criminal justice, and any other degrees as approved by the Board; and who  
16 self-identifies as a social worker may apply for an exception to obtain social  
17 work licensure meeting the following requirements:

18 (1) provide a written request for exception from licensure  
19 requirements to the Board;

20 (2) provide a written declaration that they are individuals in  
21 good standing based on satisfactory employment performance  
22 evaluations and with no ethical complaints in the course of their  
23 employment with the job title “social worker;”

24 (3) sign a declaration statement that they will abide by the  
25 National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics;

26 (4) submit three (3) letters of verification, to include one (1)  
27 from their current employer acknowledging that he/she is an individual

1 in good standing, and is highly recommended for employment with the  
2 job title, "social worker;" and

3 (5) obtain fifty (50) continuing education units (CEU) or  
4 certified training contact hours approved by the Social Work Board in  
5 the field of social work to include the following: the application of  
6 social work theory, knowledge, methods, ethics, and the professional  
7 use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or bio-  
8 psychosocial functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups,  
9 organizations, and communities; and training in the social work  
10 Generalist Practice Model that includes assessment, planning,  
11 intervention, evaluation, case management, information and referral,  
12 counseling, supervision, consultation, education, advocacy, community  
13 organization, and the development, implementation, and administration  
14 of policies, programs, and activities. The fifty (50) CEUs or certified  
15 training contact hours shall have no time or date limitations.

16 (d) All persons qualified for exceptions do not need to take the  
17 appropriate licensure examination, but must conform to all other requirements  
18 consistent with the appropriate level of licensure as prescribed in the law.  
19 Exceptions may only be granted by the Board up until six (6) months of the  
20 promulgation of the rules and regulations."

21 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* become effective upon enactment.