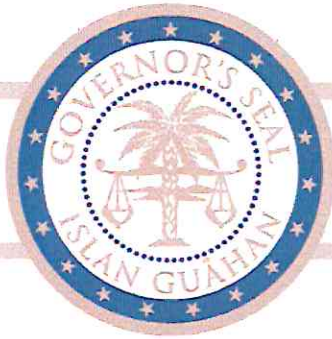


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| BILL NO. | SPONSOR | TITLE | DATE INTRODUCED | DATE REFERRED | CMTE REFERRED | PUBLIC HEARING DATE | DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED | FISCAL NOTES | NOTES |
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| 420-35 (LS) | Mary Camacho Torres Tina Rose Muña Barnes | AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 5 IN CHAPTER XI OF PUBLIC LAW 35-99 AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$470,000) TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, RELATIVE TO FUNDING THE OPERATIONS OF THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN FY 2021, WHICH MAY INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE BUREAU OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES. | 10/19/20 2:20 p.m. | 10/26/20 | Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing | 11/9/20 3:30 p.m. | 11/18/20 3:00 p.m. | Request: 10/26/20 10/30/20 | |
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| | 11/16/20 | AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 5(a) OF CHAPTER XI OF PUBLIC LAW 35-99, RELATIVE TO REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 TO PAY THE COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE; AND TO ADD A NEW SECTION 12 TO CHAPTER XI OF PUBLIC LAW 35-99, RELATIVE TO APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$470,000) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO FUND ITS OPERATIONS IN FISCAL YEAR 2021, WHICH MAY INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE BUREAU OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES. | 12/1/20 | 12/1/20 | 12/12/20 | 35-117 | 12/11/20 | Received: 12/11/20 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 35GL-20-2500 | |



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December 11, 2020

HONORABLE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES, *Speaker*
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35th Guam Legislature
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35GL-20-2500
Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes


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Time 5:25 (M) PM
Approved By: [Signature]

Re: Bill No. 420-35 (LS) – An Act to *Amend* Section 5(a) of Chapter XI of Public Law 35-99, Relative to Reducing the Appropriation to the Department of Administration for Fiscal Year 2021 to Pay the Cost of Living Allowance; and to *Add* a New Section 12 to Chapter XI of Public Law 35-99, Relative to Appropriating the Sum of Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$470,000.00) to the Department of Public Health and Social Services to Fund its Operations in Fiscal Year 2021, which may include, but not be limited to, the Bureau of Emerging Infectious Diseases

Dear Madame Speaker:

Bill No. 420-35, now known as **Public Law No. 35-117**, seeks to dedicate funds remaining from a prior appropriation for payment of the Cost of Living Allowance to the Department of Public Health and Social Services (“DPHSS”), in particular recognizing the Bureau of Emerging Infectious Diseases. The Bureau was created to focus efforts and resources to address the COVID-19 pandemic and prepare and inform our island’s response to future emerging infectious diseases, the importance of which cannot be overstated in the current crisis. The budget passed in August 2020 severely cut appropriations to DPHSS during this most critical time. I applaud and support this bill’s efforts to rededicate available funds to support DPHSS and the Bureau, and I encourage the legislature to pursue other initiatives to support DPHSS through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Senseramente,


LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
I Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Enclosure: Bill No. 420-35 (LS) *nka P.L. 35-117*

cc via email: *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*
Compiler of Laws

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2020 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 420-35 (LS) “AN ACT TO *AMEND* SECTION 5(a) OF CHAPTER XI OF PUBLIC LAW 35-99, RELATIVE TO REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 TO PAY THE COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE; AND TO *ADD* A NEW SECTION 12 TO CHAPTER XI OF PUBLIC LAW 35-99, RELATIVE TO APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$470,000) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO FUND ITS OPERATIONS IN FISCAL YEAR 2021, WHICH MAY INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE BUREAU OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES,”** was on the 1st day of December 2020, duly and regularly passed.



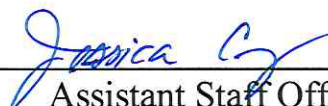
Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker

Attested:



Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hágan Guáhan* this 1st day of December,
2020, at 4:30 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'hága's Office

APPROVED:



Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hágan Guáhan

Date: 12/11/2020

Public Law No. 35-117

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I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 420-35 (LS)

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that Section 5 of Chapter XI of
3 Public Law 35-99 appropriated Fourteen Million Eight Hundred Ninety-eight

1 Thousand Dollars (\$14,898,000) from the General Fund to the Department of
2 Administration to pay the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) for each eligible retiree
3 of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund (GGRF). *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
4 further finds that the appropriation made toward the payment of COLA is an
5 estimated total and that there could be a difference in the estimated amount to be
6 paid and the actual amount to be paid. On October 14, 2020, it was announced that
7 the COLA was paid by the GGRF. The GGRF identified that of the amount
8 appropriated, only Fourteen Million Four Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars
9 (\$14,428,000) was expended toward the payment of COLA attributable to the
10 appropriation in Section 5 of Chapter XI of Public Law 35-99 leaving approximately
11 Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$470,000) remaining in General Fund
12 appropriations.

13 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends to appropriate the remaining funds from the
14 General Fund to the Department of Public Health and Social Services for its
15 operations in Fiscal Year 2021, which may include, but not be limited to, the newly
16 created Bureau of Emerging Infectious Diseases.

17 **Section 2.** Section 5(a) of Chapter XI of Public Law 35-99 is hereby
18 *amended* to read:

19 **“Section 5. Appropriation for Cost of Living Allowance (COLA).**

20 (a) *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* shall provide by a single lump sum
21 payment, a Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) of Two Thousand Dollars
22 (\$2,000) to each retiree of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund (GGRF)
23 who is retired as of September 30, 2020, or his/her survivor, no later than
24 November 1, 2020. If a retiree is a Defined Benefit and a Defined Contribution
25 retiree, the retiree or his/her survivor shall only be entitled to a single COLA
26 payment. The sum of Fourteen Million Four Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand

1 Dollars (\$14,428,000) is appropriated from the General Fund to the
2 Department of Administration for Fiscal Year 2021, to pay said COLA.”

3 **Section 3.** A new Section 12 is hereby *added* to Chapter XI of Public Law
4 35-99 to read:

5 **“Section 12. Appropriation to the Department of Public Health and Social**
6 **Services.** The sum of Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$470,000) is
7 appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Health and Social
8 Services for its operations in Fiscal Year 2021, which may include, but not be limited
9 to, the Bureau of Emerging Infectious Diseases. This appropriation is not subject to
10 transfer or use for any other purpose other than those identified in this Section.”

11 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
12 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall
13 not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
14 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
15 severable.