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March 20, 2020

HONORABLE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker
I Mina’trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: Bill No. 257-35 (COR) – An Act to Amend § 121802(b)(2) and (c)(2) of Article 18, Part 2, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Updating the Qualifications for Licensure for New Hire Bachelor’s and Master’s Level Speech-Language Pathology Assistants

Dear Madame Speaker:

Bill No. 257-35, “An Act to Amend § 121802(b)(2) and (c)(2) of Article 18, Part 2, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Updating the Qualifications for Licensure for New Hire Bachelor’s and Master’s Level Speech-Language Pathology Assistants”, which I have signed into law as Public Law No. 35-80, cures a deficiency in our system of licensure of speech-language pathology assistants. As a result, there will be wider access to the services professionals who can assist those with speech communication needs.

Senseremente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga’hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 257-35 (COR) nka Public Law 35-80

cc via email: Sigundo Maga’lation Guåhan
Compiler of Laws
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO IMAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 257-35 (COR), “AN ACT TO AMEND § 121802(b)(2) AND (c)(2) OF ARTICLE 18, PART 2, CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO UPDATING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE FOR NEW HIRE BACHELOR’S AND MASTER’S LEVEL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANTS,” was on the 11th day of March 2020, duly and regularly passed.

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker

Attested:

Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'hågan Guåhan this 11th day of March, 2020, at 3:08 o'clock P.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 3/09/2020
Public Law No. 35-80
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

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As amended by the Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice; and further amended on the Floor.

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that Public Law 34-48, which amended the qualifications for licensure for the Bachelor’s level speech-language pathology assistants and the Master’s level
speech-language pathology assistants, does not apply to unemployed speech-
language pathology assistants. During the revision of the law, speech-language
pathology assistants who were already employed were at an advantage because they
had an on-site licensed supervisor who could sign the Supervisor Form, which is
required to be submitted within three (3) working days of application or renewal
pursuant to Public Law 34-48 (codified at 10 GCA § 121802).

*ILiheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners
is unable to approve applications submitted by unemployed speech-language
pathology assistants due to the lack of a supervisor who could sign the Supervisor
Form; and further finds that licensure is necessary for speech-language pathology
assistants who wish to practice.

Therefore, it is the intent of *ILiheslaturan Guåhan* to update the qualifications
for licensure for the Bachelor’s level speech-language pathology assistants and the
Master’s level speech-language pathology assistants to allow the Supervisor Form
to be signed and submitted upon hire.

**Section 2.** § 121802(b)(2) of Article 18, Part 2, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam
Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

“(2) The SLPA-B and supervisor will complete and submit the
Supervisor Form provided by the Board upon application, or renewal, and no
later than three (3) working days upon any supervisory changes within a
license renewal year; provided, that for new hires, the Supervisor Form may
be submitted within three (3) working days and shall be submitted before
performing any speech therapy services.”

**Section 3.** § 121802(c)(2) of Article 18, Part 2, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam
Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

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Supervisor Form provided by the Board upon application, or renewal, and no
later than three (3) working days upon any supervisory changes within a license renewal year; provided, that for new hires, the Supervisor Form may be submitted within three (3) working days upon application and shall be submitted before performing any speech therapy services.”

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