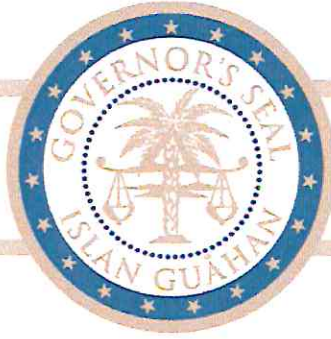


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**BILL STATUS**

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES	NOTES
<b>257-35 (COR)</b> As amended by the Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice; and further amended on the Floor	Therese M. Terlaje	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 <u>THE</u> QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE FOR NEW HIRE BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S LEVEL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANTS.	12/5/19 9:56 a.m.	1/6/20	Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land, and Justice	2/12/20 5:00 p.m.	2/24/20 4:12 p.m.	Waiver: 1/2/20	
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March 20, 2020

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**HONORABLE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**

*Speaker*

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**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'låhen Guåhan*  
Compiler of Laws

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

**CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'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 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, duly and regularly passed.

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**Tina Rose Muña Barnes**  
Speaker

Attested:

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**Amanda L. Shelton**  
Legislative Secretary

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

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Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'håga's Office*

APPROVED:

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**Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero**  
*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*

Date: 3/20/2020

Public Law No. 35-80

***I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2019 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 257-35 (COR)**

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

Introduced by:

Therese M. Terlaje  
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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 121802(b)(2) AND (c)(2) OF  
ARTICLE 18, PART 2, CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM  
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QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE FOR NEW HIRE  
BACHELOR’S AND MASTER’S LEVEL SPEECH-  
LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANTS.**

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

2        **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that Public Law 34-48, which amended the qualifications for licensure for the  
4 Bachelor’s level speech-language pathology assistants and the Master’s level

1 speech-language pathology assistants, does not apply to unemployed speech-  
2 language pathology assistants. During the revision of the law, speech-language  
3 pathology assistants who were already employed were at an advantage because they  
4 had an on-site licensed supervisor who could sign the Supervisor Form, which is  
5 required to be submitted within three (3) working days of application or renewal  
6 pursuant to Public Law 34-48 (codified at 10 GCA § 121802).

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

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

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

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

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

26 “(2) The SLPA-M and supervisor will complete and submit the  
27 Supervisor Form provided by the Board upon application, or renewal, and no

1 later than three (3) working days upon any supervisory changes within a  
2 license renewal year; provided, that for new hires, the Supervisor Form may  
3 be submitted within three (3) working days upon application and shall be  
4 submitted before performing any speech therapy services.”

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