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THIRTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE

155 Hesler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

August 12, 2015

The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan
Ufisinan I Maga'lahi
Hagåtña, Guam


Dear *Maga'lahi* Calvo:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 102-33 (COR), 104-33 (LS), 116-33 (COR) and 119-33 (COR); and Substitute Bill No. 105-33 (LS), which were passed by *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on August 12, 2015.

Sincerely,


TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary

Enclosures (5)

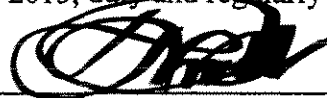
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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that **Bill No. 116-33 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 6 OF PUBLIC LAW 31-239, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER TO FULLY IMPLEMENT ITS FEE SCHEDULE AND THE PROVISIONS OF §8611(f), (g) AND (h) OF CHAPTER 86, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES FUND,"** was on the 12th day of August 2015, duly and regularly passed.

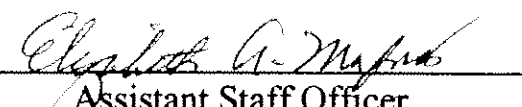


Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Attested:


Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* this 12th day of August, 2015, at 5:12 o'clock P.M.

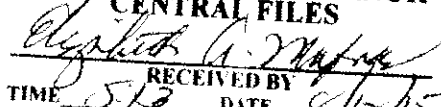

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Bill No. 116-33 (COR)

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AN ACT TO *AMEND* SECTION 6 OF PUBLIC LAW 31-239, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER TO FULLY IMPLEMENT ITS FEE SCHEDULE AND THE PROVISIONS OF §8611(f), (g) AND (h) OF CHAPTER 86, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES FUND.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that on December 6, 2012, Public Law 31-239 was signed into law adopting the
4 proposed fee schedule for the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center

1 (GBHWC). This was considered a milestone for the GBHWC and the people of
2 Guam, as this was the first time a fee schedule would be in place. It was an
3 opportunity for the GBHWC, to the extent practicable, to be financially self-
4 sustaining. The purpose of the adoption of the fee schedule was to ensure that all
5 revenue realized be expended by the GBHWC for its costs of operation, personnel,
6 contractual services, the development of programs and services, the timely
7 payment of debt obligations, and capital improvements, among others. The law
8 also established the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Fund for the
9 purpose of accepting the deposit of funds from services rendered by the
10 Department.

11 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that Section 6 of Public Law 31-239
12 prohibited the fees from being fully implemented until such time the GBHWC
13 received a certified status from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
14 This has adversely impacted the GBHWC by missing its opportunities to bill and
15 collect payments for services from third party payers such as MIP, private
16 insurance companies, and self-pay consumers.

17 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to authorize the full implementation
18 of the GBHWC's fee schedule as adopted on December 2012 to ensure the intent
19 of Public Law 31-239 is fulfilled.

20 **Section 2. Implementation of the Fee Schedule at the Guam**
21 **Behavioral Health and Wellness Center.** Section 6 of Public Law 31-239 is
22 hereby *amended* to read as follows:

23 "Section 6. Effective Date. This Act *shall* become effective on
24 September 1, 2015."