


I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 72 (LS)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR
CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER (CME), BY AMENDING
§81103; AND ADDING A NEW §81103.1, TO CHAPTER 81 OF
10 GCA.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Office of
3 the Chief Medical Examiner (CME) and other matters pertinent to the office were established by
4 Public Law 11-37, in 1971. The provisions in Public Law 11-37 remained intact and unamended,
5 since the law was first passed 38 years ago. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that, according to the
6 incumbent CME, many changes have taken place in training, policy and practice pertinent to the
7 functions of the CME. The current CME recommended that the minimum qualifications for the
8 CME in §81103 of Chapter 81, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated be amended to reflect contemporary
9 training, policy and practice.

10 It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to update the minimum qualifications for
11 the CME by amending §81103.

12 **Section 2.** §81103, Chief Medical Examiner, of Chapter 81, Title 10, Guam Code
13 Annotated, is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 **“§81103. Chief Medical Examiner.**

15 The Chief Medical Examiner shall be ~~a citizen or a permanent resident of the~~
16 ~~United States and a physician licensed in Guam who has had a minimum of two (2)~~
17 ~~years post graduate training in pathology.~~ He shall be named by the Commission to
18 serve for such term and at such salary as the Commission may fix. He may as part of
19 his duties teach medical or law school classes, conduct special classes for police
20 investigators, and engage in other activities related to the work of his office to such

1 extent and on such terms as maybe authorized by the Commission. Similar
2 authorizations may be given by the Commission to other members of the staff. He
3 shall serve as Secretary to the Commission.”

4 **Section 3.** A new §81103.1, Minimum Qualifications for Chief Medical Examiner, is hereby
5 added to Chapter 81, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

6 **“§81103.1. Minimum Qualifications for Chief Medical Examiner.** The
7 Chief Medical Examiner shall be a citizen or a permanent resident of the United
8 States and a physician licensed to practice his profession in Guam. He must be
9 board-certified in Forensic Pathology by the American Board of Pathology. At the
10 minimum, the Chief Medical Examiner shall have:

- 11 (a) - 2 years training in Anatomic Pathology; and
12 - 2 years training in Clinical Pathology; and
13 - 1 year training in Forensic Pathology; and
14 - 1 year of an elective; OR
15 (b) - 2 years training in Anatomic Pathology; and
16 - 2 years training in Forensic Pathology; OR
17 (c) - 2 years training in Clinical Pathology; and
18 - 1 year training in Forensic Pathology; and
19 - 1 year of an elective.”