MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. ()

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO AMEND 12 GCA §1108, RELATIVE TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN ATTORNEY FOR THE GUAM AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the cost incurred by the Guam Airport Authority for legal services for Fiscal Year 2008 was in excess of \$800,000. *I Liheslatura* finds that the cost of legal services to the Authority would be greatly decreased with the employment of a staff attorney.

Section 2. §1108 (a) of Chapter 8 of Title 12, Guam Code Annotated is
hereby *amended* to read:

"(a) The Board may also appoint a treasurer, a comptroller and an attorney,
all of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. Their duties and
compensation for the treasurer and the comptroller shall be fixed by the
Board. Compensation for the comptroller shall not be limited by Title 4
GCA § 6103 or other laws which may conflict herewith. Compensation for
the attorney shall be subject to Title 4 GCA § 6208. The Board may appoint

1 one (1) assistant to any such office. Any of the said offices may be 2 consolidated into one (1) person.

3 Section 3. §1108 (c) of Chapter 8 of Title 12, Guam Code Annotated is 4 hereby *amended* to read:

5 "(c) The Attorney, who must have been admitted to the practice of law in Guam, shall advise the Board and the Executive Director on all legal matters 6 to which the Authority is a party or in which the Authority is legally 7 interested, and may represent the Authority in connection with legal matters 8 before the Legislature, boards and other agencies of the Territory or of the 9 United States. The Attorney for the Authority shall represent the Authority 10 in litigation concerning the affairs of the Authority. The Attorney General 11 shall represent the Authority in litigation concerning the affairs of the 12 Authority, provided that he may delegate this duty to the Attorney of the 13 Authority, with respect to any such litigation." 14

15 Section 5. Severability. If any of the provisions of this Act, or the 16 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, such invalidity 17 shall not affect any other provision of application of this Act which can be given 18 effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of 19 this code are severable.

20 Section 6. This Act shall be effective upon enactment.