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**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ANTONIO B. WONPAT
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, GUAM TO ISSUE
DIFFERENTIAL PAY TO EMT-B CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTERS
OF THE AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING UNIT**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative findings and intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*

3 finds that the differential pay to EMT-B certified firefighters and other
4 essential first responders receive the benefit of differential pay as per the
5 present state of law. Firefighter's employed at the A.B. Won Pat International

6 Airport Authority's Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting Unit also have EMT
7 certifications, but are not authorized by Guam law to be paid differential pay.

8 Many of the firefighters at the airport have either allowed their EMT
9 certification to lapse or choose not to acquire the additional certification.

10 *I Liheslatura* further finds that EMT services at our island's only airport is
11 essential to the protection of the airport, its stakeholders, our islands

12 visitors and residents. In addition, EMT service is a mandatory Federal

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1 requirement for island residents leaving on commercial flights for medical
2 evacuation. Although airport firefighters and first responders provide first
3 aid response to emergency calls within the airport premises, many times a
4 call to the Guam Fire Department needs to be made in order for EMT
5 services to be provided, causing a delay in service. Just like in any
6 emergency, a delay of even a minute can mean a life or death situation.
7 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to encourage airport
8 firefighters and rescue personnel to gain EMT certification in order to ensure
9 life-saving skills are readily available to all patrons of our island's only
10 commercial airport.

11 **Section 2.** A new subsection is added to §6223 of Title 4 Guam Code
12 Annotated, relative to Firefighters EMT Duty, to read as follows:

13 (a) **Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam,**
14 **Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Unit – EMT-B Differential Pay.**

15 A Firefighter in the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority,
16 Guam, Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Unit (ARFF) who is certified
17 Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) and who actually performs
18 as an EMT-B during a period when he or she is assigned as an EMT-B shall
19 be entitled to differential pay calculated at the rate of his or her regular
20 wage plus fifteen percent (15%). The differential shall be applicable only
21 during a time of actual performance. The employee shall be compensated a

- 1 minimum of three (3) hours for any period of actual performance up to three
- 2 (3) hours, and hourly for the actual time of performance over three (3) hours.
- 3 Nothing herein shall require any ARFF personnel to become EMT-B
- 4 certified. Such certification shall be strictly voluntary.”