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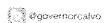
Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 425-32 (LS) "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 10 TO DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 22, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE APPRENTICESHIP ACT OF GUAM" which I signed into law on December 30, 2014, as Public Law 32-230.

Senseramente,

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# I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 425-32 (LS), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 10 TO DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 22, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE APPRENTICESHIP ACT OF GUAM," was on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014, duly and regularly passed.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker Atteste Tina Rose Muña Barnes Legislative Secretary This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guåhan this 2/ day of Dec. 2014, at 6:35 o'clock P.M. Assistant Staff Officer Maga'lahi's Office APPROVED: EDWARD J.B. CALVO I Maga'lahen Guåhan DEC 3 0 2014 Date: Public Law No. 32-230

# I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN 2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

#### Bill No. 425-32 (LS)

As substituted by the Committee on Rules; Foreign & Micronesian Affairs; Human & Natural Resources; and Election Reform; and amended on the Floor.

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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 10 TO DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 22, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE APPRENTICESHIP ACT OF GUAM.

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

- Section 1. A new Chapter 10 is added to Division 1 of Title 22, Guam
- 3 Code Annotated, to read:
- 4 "CHAPTER 10
- 5 § 10101. Title.
- 6 § 10102. Statement of Public Policy.
- 7 § 10103. Definitions.

§ 10104. Guam State Apprenticeship Council.

§ 10105. Powers and Duties of Director.

§ 10106. Administrative Procedures, Guidelines and Regulations.

§ 10107. Territorial-Federal Cooperation.

§ 10108. Severability.

§ 10101. Title.

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This Chapter shall be known as The Apprenticeship Act of Guam.

#### § 10102. Statement of Public Policy.

- Skilled manpower constitutes a great resource on Guam. (a) Registered apprenticeship programs, through supervised training and education, develop skilled journeyworkers and help meet the increasing needs for such workers in the traditional labor force. The continuing development of skilled manpower is essential for individual self-realization and for an expanding industrial economy. This Act recognizes that all citizens of Guam, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, or gender, are a potential aspect of a reliable workforce. Moreover, an individual's physical and/or behavioral health challenge shall not prevent him or her from participating in programs authorized through this Chapter. as every attempt shall be made by the Guam Department of Labor to ensure that apprenticeship programs are supportive of Title 17 GCA § 41210, relative to the employment of individuals with severe disabilities. To these ends, it is the declared public policy of Guam to develop sound apprenticeship training standards and to encourage industry and labor to institute training programs allowing all citizens of Guam the opportunity to work and earn a responsible wage to support themselves and their families.
- (b) This Chapter *shall* apply to a person, firm, corporation, or craft only after such person, firm, corporation, or craft has voluntarily elected to

conform with its provisions, for the purpose of participating in registered apprenticeship programs.

#### § 10103. Definitions.

Agency means the Guam Department of Labor, Division of Apprenticeship.

Department means the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship.

Director means the Director, Guam Department of Labor.

Apprentice means a worker at least sixteen (16) years of age, except where a higher minimum age standard is otherwise fixed by law, who is employed to learn an apprenticeable occupation.

Apprenticeship agreement means a written agreement between an apprentice and either the apprentice's program sponsor, or an apprenticeship committee acting as an agent for the program sponsor(s), which contains the terms and conditions of the employment and training of the apprentice.

# § 10104. Guam State Apprenticeship Council.

(a) There is established within the Guam Department of Labor, Division of Apprenticeship, the Guam State Apprenticeship Council (GSAC). The GSAC *shall* be comprised of five (5) members to be appointed by *I Maga'lahi* (the Governor) with the recommendation of the Director. Four (4) of the members of the GSAC *shall* be persons knowledgeable with apprenticeship occupations, with an equal number of representatives of employer and of employee organizations. The Director *shall* serve as one (1) member of the GSAC. With the exception of the Director, the four (4) members appointed by *I Maga'lahi shall* serve for a term of three (3) years; provided, *however*, that of the members first appointed, two (2) *shall* be appointed for a term of one (1) year and two (2) *shall* be appointed for terms

of two (2) years. Three (3) members of the GSAC *shall* constitute a valid quorum for all purposes. Ex-officio members may be added to the GSAC, but shall have no vote.

(b) The GSAC: (a) *shall* advise the Director or his designee on apprentice training matters, including the matters of related and supplemental instruction; (b) may recommend suggested standards for apprenticeship agreements; (c) *shall* maintain a close and effective liaison with governmental and nongovernmental agencies which are concerned with skilled manpower development and problems; and (d) may recommend research projects on facts and trends relating to apprenticeship training and the supply of and needs for skilled manpower.

#### § 10105. Powers and Duties of Director.

The Director *shall*:

- (a) establish standards for apprenticeship agreements in conformity with this Chapter;
- (b) provide assistance for the development of on-the-job learning programs in national apprenticeable occupations or local apprenticeable occupations;
- (c) encourage and promote the making of apprenticeship agreements conforming to the standards established by this Chapter;
- (d) register such apprenticeship agreements as are in the best interest of apprenticeship, and which conform to the standards established by this Chapter;
- (e) keep a record of apprenticeship agreements and upon determination thereof issue either an interim credential or a certificate of completion of apprenticeship;

(f) terminate or cancel any apprenticeship agreements in accordance with the agreements;

- (g) bring about the settlement of differences arising out of the apprenticeship agreement where the differences cannot be otherwise adjusted locally;
- (h) issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Chapter;
- (i) appoint personnel as are necessary to execute the functions required under this Chapter;
- (j) perform other duties as are necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Chapter; and
- (k) submit all proposed modifications in legislation, regulations, policies and/or operation procedures planned or anticipated by the Agency, either at the time of application for recognition or subsequently, to the Department for review and obtain the Department's concurrence prior to implementation.

# § 10106. Administrative Procedures, Guidelines and Regulations.

The provisions incorporated in Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 29 (also known as the Labor Standards for the Registration of Apprenticeship Programs) and Part 30 (also known as Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) in Apprenticeship), as amended, *shall* serve as the basic set of procedures, guidelines, and regulations governing the application of the Registered Apprenticeship Program in Guam, and are hereby adopted as guidelines and procedures of the Agency (Guam Department of Labor) to the extent not inconsistent with Guam law, subject to later amendment or repeal by the Director.

### § 10107. Territorial-Federal Cooperation.

The Agency may promote the administration of this Chapter by accepting and utilizing information, services, and facilities made available to it by the Department.

§ 10108. Severability. If any provision of this law or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Law which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Law are severable."