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Introduced by:

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that
3 clinical psychologists are crucial in providing care in mental and behavioral health
4 and wellbeing for people on our island. Over one billion people globally are living
5 with mental health disorders, and the island of Guam is not excluded from this count.
6 Clinical psychologists aid in the diagnosis and treatment of these disorders.

7 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that it is difficult for interns in clinical
8 psychology to find opportunities to complete post-doctorate training before
9 licensure. Throughout the states, in compliance with national guidelines for
10 psychology, licensed clinical psychologists are able to supervise students and interns
11 of psychology so that they may obtain the clinical hours required for licensure.

12 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to establish a clear framework for
13 training of post-doctorate interns of clinical psychology under the Guam Board of
14 Allied Health by adding Article 12, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated to
15 define who can supervise these interns.

1 **Section 2.** A new § 121202(b)(1) is added to Article 12, Chapter 12, Title 10,
2 Guam Code Annotated, to read:

3 “(1) An individual who has not completed one (1) year of post-graduate
4 clinical experience, or who cannot document such experience under the supervision
5 of a Clinical Psychologist, Psychiatrist or other licensed professional deemed by the
6 Board to be substantially equivalent, may satisfy supervision requirement in a board-
7 approved internship program.

8 (A) The internship program must be approved by the Board prior to the
9 applicant’s participation;

10 (B) Supervision shall be provided by a licensed Clinical Psychologist,
11 Psychiatrist, or other licensed professional deemed by the board to be
12 substantially equivalent, who is authorized to provide such supervision in the
13 United States, its territories, or in a a foreign jurisdiction that the Board
14 determines, on a case by case basis, maintains licensure and supervision
15 standards substantially equivalent to those of the United States; and

16 (C) Any individual providing supervision within Guam shall:

17 (i) hold a current and valid license as a Clinical Psychologist or
18 other licensed profession deemed by the Board to be substantially
19 equivalent;

20 (ii) have held such license for a minimum of three (3) years; and

21 (iii) be approved by the Board to provide supervision.”

22 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon enactment.