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BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
123-38 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje	AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ON THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, UPDATING PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, AND ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS BY <i>ADDING</i> A NEW (10) AND (11) TO §12215 AND <i>AMENDING</i> 12101(r), (7) OF §12202(a), (7) AND (8) OF 12202(b), §12203(a) (1) TO (4), §121602, 121604, AND §121609, ALL OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.	4/18/25 1:58 p.m.	4/25/25	Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs.	Request: 4/25/25 5/2/25	6/18/25 2:00 p.m.	7/10/25 As Amended.	Exhibits A and B



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June 27, 2025

The Honorable Frank Blas Jr., Speaker
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
163 Hagåtña, Guåhan
Chalan Santo Papa

VIA: **The Honorable V. Anthony Ada, Vice Speaker** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: **Committee Report on Public Hearing Bill No. 123-38 (COR)** As amended – Therese M. Terlaje - AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ON THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, UPDATING PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, AND ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS BY ADDING A NEW (10) AND (11) TO §12215 AND AMENDING 12101(r), (7) OF §12202(a), (7) AND (8) OF 12202(b), §12203(a) (1) TO (4), §121602, 121604, AND §121609, ALL OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

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Committee votes are as follows:

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Sincerely,



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June 27, 2025 12:15 p.m.

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From: **Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane**
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- COR Referral Memorandum
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- Hearing Sign-in Sheet
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- Committee Report Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 123-38 (COR) Intro
- Copy of Bill No. 123-38 (COR) As amended
- Copy of Bill No. 123-38 (COR) Markup
- Fiscal Note

Please take appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane.



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Chairwoman, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs



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April 25, 2025

To: Rennae V. C. Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Darleen Hiton
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: Referral of Bill No. 123-38 (COR)

Håfa Adai,

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Please ensure that the subject bill is referred to the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs chaired by Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane. I also request that the same be copied to the Prime Sponsor of the subject bill and to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

A copy of the bill is available on our legislative website.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kamarin Nelson, Committee on Rules Director at 671-472-2461.





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Wed, Jun 11, 2025 at 9:03 AM

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Sabrina Salas Matanane

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Wed, Jun 11, 2025 at 9:10 AM

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June 11, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From: Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane *Smart*
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Thank you. I will plan to be there, unless duty calls me into an emergency baby delivery or gyn emergency.

Sincerely,

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Tue, Jun 17, 2025 at 7:54 AM

I will break away from clinic to attend, barring any emergent deliveries. If that occurs, I may attend by zoom, will let you know tomorrow but I will plan on being there in person.

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All the best,

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June 18, 2025

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Agenda 2:00 PM

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TESTIMONY ON BILL 123-38

June 18, 2025

Dear Honorable Members of the 38 Guam Legislature:

The Guam Medical Association is the largest healthcare organization of providers in Guam and would appreciate the attention to the following.

Bill 123-38:

Page 4 Section 5 Line 23 – Guam Board of Medical Examiners compose of 9 members who shall be nominated and appointed by “Maga Guahan,”/Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislature.

Amend it to read: Guam Board of Medical Examiners compose of 9 members who shall be nominated and **appointed by the governor or the legislature, or by the people of Guam, or by an application process for all providers in the community if the candidate to the board is qualified.**

Justification is noted in public law: **The primary responsibility and obligation of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners is to protect the people of Guam.** 10 GCA § 12201. They are NOT there to SERVE at the “PLEASURE,” of the Governor.

Again, the Guam Board of Medical Examiners should remain unbiased and be politically free from influences of Adelup or the Legislative body. This is to ensure their true duties, which is to serve to protect the public.

Page 5: Line 7, Subsection (3) - One Physician Board Member shall be the “Medical Director,” of GMH, who meets the above criteria. This position at GMH often a political position and may not serve in the best interest of the public. **Would suggest the removal.**

Page 6: Line 12 – We encourage removal of Guam CSR. As long as Federal DEA is obtained by the provider. Many jurisdictions do not require a local CSR. In fact, Guam is the HIGHEST Cost for providers for any prescribing “registration,” and majority of the states does NOT require a CSR. Guam should remove CSR requirement.

As just one example: The Texas Legislature, eliminated the requirement for physicians and other practitioners to hold a separate controlled substances registration (CSR) issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS). This change took effect on 10 years ago. The legislative intent was to simplify regulatory oversight by removing duplicative state-level registration, streamline the licensing process for physicians. **By doing this, the legislature maintained the requirement for federal DEA registration to prescribe controlled substances but removed the need for a second, state-level permit.** As of September 1, 2016, any practitioner holding a valid DEA registration is legally authorized to prescribe controlled substances in Texas, and no separate state CSR is required.

Page 6: Line 26: Line 24 subsection (e): “the physician assistant shall always have a physician available **on the premises**, preferably the supervising physician signing the CPA, but an alternate physician or physicians may be designated in the CPA to serve in the supervising physician’s absence. ”

This is a clear discrepancy, or an oversight, so allow me to clarify.

ATTACHED EXHIBIT A: The APPROVED Rules and Regulations of the Guam Board Admin Rules STATES:

Page 2 or (11 attached) section (c): Direct Supervision of a Physician Assistant. means providing guidance of the services performed by the physician assistant. Supervision shall be continuous but **shall not necessarily require the physical presence** of the supervising physician at the time and place where the services are performed. The **supervising physician must be available continuously for contact personally or by telephone or other electronic means.**

We would suggest **Bill 123-38 page 6, Subsection (e) line 24** - Delete line “always have a physician available on the premises and replace it with the EXACT same lines under the RULES of the Guam Board in your attachment that was APPROVED to read the same as above and be AMENDED as follows:

“The physician assistant’s supervising physician must be available continuously for **contact personally or by Telephone or other Electronic means**, but an alternate physician or physicians may be designated in the CPA to serve in the supervising physician’s absence.”



President, Guam Medical Association



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June 16, 2025

Honorable Sabrina Salas Matanane
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Re: Bill No. 120-38 – Therese M. Terlaje - AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ON THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, UPDATING PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, AND ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS BY ADDING A NEW (10) AND (11) TO §12215 AND AMENDING 12101(r), (7) OF §12202(a), (7) AND (8) OF 12202(b), §12203(a) (1) TO (4), AND §121609, ALL OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

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Hafa A dai Chairwoman Sabrina Salas Mantanane and Senators of the 38th Guam Legislature:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on Bill No. 120-38 (COR), which proposes the transfer of physician assistant licensure and regulation from the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners (GBAHE) to the Guam Board of Medical Examiners (GBME), under the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) Health Professional Licensing Office (HPLO). Additionally, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding our support on Bill No. 123-38 (COR), which updates prescriptive authority and adopts rules and regulations and code of ethics for physician assistants on our island.

There are currently thirty (30) licensed physician assistants with active licenses under the GBAHE as of the writing of this testimony. This bill represents a critical step forward in modernizing Guam's healthcare regulatory framework and recognizing the essential role that Physician Assistants (PA) play in our healthcare system. PAs are highly trained, licensed professionals who provide high-quality medical care under the supervision of physicians. They are an integral part of the care team, especially in underserved areas, where access to health care can be limited.

Including PAs on the GBME ensures that decisions affecting the profession include the perspectives and expertise of those practicing in the field. This inclusion promotes balanced, informed policymaking and enhances oversight that reflects the realities of medical practice in Guam. Additionally, the adoption of specific rules, regulations, and a code of ethics tailored for PAs brings clarity and accountability to the profession. It aligns Guam with national best practices and helps maintain high standards of care, professionalism, and public trust.

If this proposed legislation passes, it would create a more streamlined structure in the medical field by ensuring physician assistants are regulated and supervised under a single licensing board. The DPHSS agrees placing physician assistants under the GBME could eliminate "unnecessary administrative complexities" and enhance patient safety. If enacted, physician assistants would be held to the same standards as national physicians and physician assistants, a change that stands to improve both the quality of care and the level of service we expect from our medical professionals. Updating and clarifying the prescriptive authority for Physician Assistants (PA) is a significant step towards optimizing healthcare delivery on our island. By adopting clear rules, regulations, and a code of ethics for PAs, it reinforces patient safety and professional accountability.

By passing this bill, the Legislature affirms its commitment to a collaborative, well-regulated healthcare environment that supports both providers and patients. I respectfully urge you to pass Bill No. 120-38 (COR) and take this meaningful step toward improving healthcare governance on our island.

Thank you for your time and consideration.


THERESA C. ARRIOLA, MBA
Director



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COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

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Request for e-vote: Committee Report relative to Bill No. 123-38 (COR)

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Please see attached Committee Report relative to **Bill No. 123-38 (COR)** – Therese M. Terlaje - AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ON THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, UPDATING PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, AND ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS BY ADDING A NEW (10) AND (11) TO §12215 AND AMENDING 12101(r), (7) OF §12202(a), (7) AND (8) OF 12202(b), §12203(a) (1) TO (4), AND §121609, ALL OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW:

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs conducted a Public Hearing on Wednesday June 18, 2025, scheduled to begin at 2:00 P.M., in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building.

- I. Among other items, on the agenda for discussion **Bill No. 123-38 (COR)** – Therese M. Terlaje - AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ON THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, UPDATING PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, AND ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS BY ADDING A NEW (10) AND (11) TO §12215 AND AMENDING 12101(r), (7) OF §12202(a), (7) AND (8) OF 12202(b), §12203(a) (1) TO (4), AND §121609, ALL OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

II. The history of the Bill is as follows:

- Introduction on April 18, 2025, at 1:58 P.M.

Public Notice Requirements

In accordance with Open Government Law, the public notice for this public hearing was disseminated via email to all senators and main media broadcasting outlets on June 11, 2025, and June 16, 2025. This public notice was also posted on the Guam Legislature website and the Public Notice Portal.

Senators Present

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs
Vice Speaker Tony Ada
Senator Shawn Gumataotao
Senator Telo T. Taitague
Senator Therese M. Terlaje
Senator Sabina Perez

Appearing before the Committee:

Dr. Thomas Shieh - GMP
Heidi Quinata - DPHSS
Dr. RB Eusebio - GMH
Jayne Flores - BWA
William Stanley – FHP
DR. Laura Souder – SB&A

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION:

This Public Hearing was called to order at 2:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE JUNE 18,2025 2PM

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SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ACCEPT PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON BILL 123 INTRODUCED BY SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE. SENATOR YOU MAY OPEN ON YOUR BILL.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE SI YU'OS MA'ASE MADAM CHAIR. SO, FOR CONTEXT BILL 123 REPRESENTS THE CULMINATION OF SOME WORK DONE BY THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS OVER SEVERAL YEARS IN COLLABORATION WITH THEIR FORMER LEGAL COUNCIL FORMER ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT WEINBERG. THIS WAS TO MODERNIZE RULES GOVERNING HEALING ARTS PRACTICES. THROUGHOUT THIS EFFORT RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE PARTICULARLY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF CHAIRPERSON DOCTOR BALAJADIA FOR THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS TO TRANSFER LICENSING OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS. THERE WAS ALSO A BILL 120 INTRODUCED, BUT THAT BILL HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN. I JUST WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW IT'S BEEN WITHDRAWN BECAUSE THAT BILL WAS INCOMPLETE. IT DID NOT MOVE THE PA PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FROM WHERE IT WAS LOCATED IN THE CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST SECTION OVER TO THE PA CHAPTER AS RECOMMENDED IN THE FORMER COUNCIL'S DRAFT. SO THAT'S WHAT BILL NUMBER 123 DOES. BILL 123 MOVES THE JURISDICTION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE FROM THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS TO THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS. THAT'S THE BOARD THEN THAT WILL BE LICENSING PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANCE. ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION THE REGULATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE BY MEDICAL BOARDS IS ALREADY THE PREVAILING MODEL ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. IN 43 STATES PAS FELL UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE MEDICAL BOARD. ONLY EIGHT STATES ARIZONA CALIFORNIA IOWA MASSACHUSETTS MICHIGAN RHODE ISLAND TENNESSEE AND UTAH MAINTAIN INDEPENDENT REGULATORY BOARDS FOR PAS. BY FOLLOWING THE MAJORITY APPROACH GUAM ENSURES ALIGNMENT WITH BEST PRACTICES AND MEDICAL REGULATION. SO, THE BILL CLARIFIES THAT A CPA A COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT WITH A SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE NOW GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS WHICH WILL DEFINE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A PA MAY PRESCRIBE ADMINISTER OR DISPENSE MEDICATIONS. THE BILL CONTINUES EXISTING REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING THAT PAS MEET NATIONAL CERTIFICATION STANDARDS COMPLETE CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION ARE BOUND BY A CODE OF ETHICS SPECIFIC TO PAS. IT MOVES THE CURRENT RULES FOR PAS TO THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND ALLOWS THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S BOARD TO AMEND OR ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL RULES. THE BILL CLARIFIES THE CURRENT APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION FOR APPROVAL BY THE BOARD. SO, PAS CURRENTLY SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION FOR APPROVAL OF THEIR SUPERVISION. AND THIS BILL REQUIRES A COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT JUST A MORE FORMAL DOCUMENT WITH ACCORDING TO THE BILL A DETAILED SCOPE OF PRACTICE AUTHORITY OF THE PA IN AGREEMENT WITH THE SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN TO ADMINISTER PRESCRIBE AND DISPENSE DRUGS AND IT SAYS SCHEDULE TWO TO FIVE DRUGS. SO, THIS IS BY AGREEMENT WITH THE PHYSICIAN. THE BILL IS NOT INTENDED TO CHANGE IN ANY WAY THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF

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PAS CURRENTLY THAT I EXPECT MAY BE HANDLED IN A SEPARATE BILL. THAT BEING SAID I CONFIRMED WITH ATTORNEY WEINBERG TODAY THAT ON PAGE SIX OF THIS BILL SECTION 121609E SHOULD BE DELETED BECAUSE THAT INCONSISTENTLY SPECIFIES THAT PHYSICIAN MUST BE AVAILABLE ON THE PREMISES BUT IN 121601D WE ALREADY PROVIDE FOR SUPERVISION BY A PHYSICIAN ON PREMISES OR BY TELECOMMUNICATION UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. SO, I'M GOING TO BE PROPOSING TO THE CHAIRPERSON TO IN COMMITTEE TO DELETE E SO THAT THERE'S NOT INCONSISTENT AND THAT WE CAN REMAIN CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING AUTHORITIES. THE BILL ALSO REFERENCES IN SOME INSTANCES THE PODIATRY MEMBER OF THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS BECAUSE THERE WAS ANOTHER BILL THAT HAS HAD A PUBLIC HEARING THAT WOULD ALSO MOVE THE PODIATRIST OVER TO THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS. SO, IF THAT ONE PASSES THERE WILL BE THOSE TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS ON THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS. THAT'S PRETTY MUCH IT FOR THE BILL. I HOPE IT'S CLEAR. IT'S A LITTLE CLUMSY OR AWKWARD, I THINK. I'M GOING TO ADMIT THAT BECAUSE EVEN IN MY READING THERE'S STILL A CHAPTER THAT EXISTS IN THE CODE FOR PODIATRIST. I MEAN SORRY FOR PHYSICIANS ASSISTANTS. SO THAT'S GOING TO REMAIN INTACT. BUT THERE WERE MANY OTHER PROVISIONS IN THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH LAWS AND RULES THAT WE ARE TRYING TO MOVE OVER WITH VERY MINIMAL CHANGES HOPEFULLY THAT ARE OUTLINED IN THE BILL. SO THAT'S REALLY THE INTENT AND I THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR FOR HAVING THIS HEARING ON THIS BILL.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

THANK YOU SENATOR TERLAJE. WE WILL NOW ACCEPT TESTIMONY FROM OUR PANEL. WE WILL BEGIN TO MY RIGHT WITH MRS. QUINATA ONCE AGAIN.

HEIDI QUINATA GOOD AFTERNOON, HEIDI QUINATA CHIEF CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE DIVISION OF CHILDREN'S WELLNESS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES HERE TODAY TO READ INTO THE RECORD WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON BEHALF OF DIRECTOR TERESA AREOLA. I DO SEE THAT THE TESTIMONY WAS COMBINED WITH BILL 120 AND 123 SO I WILL READ IT AS IT'S WRITTEN. Hafa Adai Chairwoman Sabrina Salas Matanane and Senators of the 38th Guam Legislature. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on Bill Number 120-38 COR which proposes the transfer of physician assistant licensure and regulation from the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners (GBAHE) to the Guam Board of Medical Examiners (GBME) under the Department of Public Health and Social Services Health Professional Licensing Office. Additionally thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding our support on Bill Number 123-38 which updates prescriptive authority and adopts rules and regulations and code of ethics for physician assistance on our island. There are currently 30 licensed physician assistants with active licenses under the GBAHE as of writing this testimony. This bill represents a critical step forward in modernizing Guam's healthcare regulatory framework and recognizing the essential role that physician assistants play in our health care system. PAS are highly trained

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LICENSED PROFESSIONALS WHO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY MEDICAL CARE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIANS. THEY ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CARE TEAM ESPECIALLY IN UNDERSERVED AREAS WHERE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE CAN BE LIMITED. INCLUDING PAS ON THE GBME ENSURES THAT DECISIONS AFFECTING THE PROFESSION INCLUDE PERSPECTIVES AND EXPERTISE OF THOSE PRACTICING IN THE FIELD. THIS INCLUSION PROMOTES BALANCED INFORMED POLICY MAKING AND ENHANCES OVERSIGHT THAT REFLECTS THE REALITIES OF MEDICAL PRACTICE IN GUAM. ADDITIONALLY, THE ADOPTION OF SPECIFIC RULES REGULATIONS AND A CODE OF ETHICS TAILORED FOR PAS BRINGS CLARITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE PROFESSION. IT ALIGNS GUAM WITH NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES AND HELPS MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS OF CARE PROFESSIONALISM AND PUBLIC TRUST. IF THIS PROPOSED LEGISLATION PASSES IT WOULD CREATE A MORE STREAMLINED STRUCTURE IN THE MEDICAL FIELD BY ENSURING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ARE REGULATED AND SUPERVISED UNDER A SINGLE LICENSING BOARD. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AGREES PLACING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE UNDER THE GBME COULD ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEXITIES AND ENHANCE PATIENT SAFETY. IF ENACTED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE WOULD BE HELD TO THE SAME STANDARDS AS NATIONAL PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS. A CHANGE THAT STANDS TO IMPROVE BOTH THE QUALITY OF CARE AND THE LEVEL OF SERVICE WE EXPECT FROM OUR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS. UPDATING AND CLARIFYING THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR POSITION PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARDS OPTIMIZING HEALTHCARE DELIVERY ON OUR ISLAND. BY ADOPTING CLEAR RULES REGULATIONS AND A CODE OF ETHICS FOR PAS IT REINFORCES PATIENT SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY. BY PASSING THIS BILL THE LEGISLATURE AFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO A COLLABORATIVE WELL- REGULATED HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS BOTH PROVIDERS AND PATIENTS. I RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO PASS BILL NUMBER 120-38 COR AND TAKE THIS MEANINGFUL STEP FOR TOWARD IMPROVING HEALTHCARE GOVERNANCE ON OUR ISLAND. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION DIRECTOR TERESA C AREOLA.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

THANK YOU MISS QUINATA. SIR. MR. STANLEY. COULD YOU PLEASE TURN ON YOUR MICROPHONE AND SPEAK CLOSELY INTO THE MIC.

WILLIAM STANLEY YES MA'AM. MY NAME IS ED STANLEY. I'M A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT. I HAVE PRACTICED ON GUAM FOR 23 YEARS. I'M WITH THE FHP CLINIC. I HAVE SERVED ON THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS TWO SEPARATE PRIOR TERMS TALLING A LITTLE OVER SEVEN YEARS. SO, I AM FAMILIAR WITH THE LICENSURE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE ON GUAM AND IN THE US AS WELL. I'M ALSO LICENSED IN THE STATE OF KENTUCKY. I THANK SENATOR TERLAJE FOR MOVING THIS BILL FORWARD. I FIRST TALKED ABOUT THIS SORT OF THING WITH THEN SENATOR MIKE CRUZ AND ALSO WITH THEN GOVERNOR FELIX CAMACHO SO THIS THIS HAS BEEN AN IDEA THAT'S BEEN AROUND FOR A WHILE. I ALSO THANK MY COLLEAGUE DR. EUSEBIO FOR MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS AS WELL. IT'S AN IDEA THAT'S BEEN AROUND FOR A WHILE. I HAD A FEW THINGS THAT I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT

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THAT I SAW AS CONTRADICTORY WITHIN THE TWO BILLS BUT THAT HAS BEEN RESOLVED PRIOR TO THIS MEETING, AND I THANK SENATOR TERLAJE THAT AS WELL. I THINK THIS IS DEFINITELY A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION I THINK ALL PAS ON GUAM WILL BE HAPPY WITH IT. I CAN'T THINK OF A REASON THAT ANYONE WOULD BE IN OPPOSITION TO THIS BILL. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF OTHER MINOR TWEAKS IN LANGUAGE MOST OF WHICH CAN BE HANDLED WITHIN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND NOT REALLY WITHIN THE BODY OF THE BILL ITSELF. AGAIN, THERE'S SOME CONTRADICTION ON PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY WHETHER IT'LL BE ALL SCHEDULED DRUGS OR YOU KNOW ONLY FOURS AND FIVES BUT AGAIN THAT CAN BE HANDLED THROUGH RULES AND REGS. MY EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE HAS INVOLVED SOME STATES ALLOW THE PHYSICIAN AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SUPERVISORY AGREEMENT SOME STATES USE A SUPERVISORY AGREEMENT IN LUAU OF A COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT BECAUSE IT IS A SUPERVISORY RELATIONSHIP. YES, WE COLLABORATE A LOT BUT IN THE IN THE END THE PHYSICIAN IS THE SUPERVISOR AND SO THEY WILL EXERCISE THAT SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY YOU KNOW IN ALL ACTIONS BUT WITH THAT SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY THE PHYSICIAN CAN DELEGATE TO THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT CLASSES OF DRUGS TO PRESCRIBE AND EVEN WITHIN THOSE CLASSES CAN LIMIT CERTAIN DRUGS TO BE PRESCRIBED OR NOT PRESCRIBED IN THIS INDIVIDUAL PRACTICE. YOU KNOW THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF A BOTH COLLABORATIVE AND SUPERVISORY AGREEMENT. SO AGAIN, I THINK EVERYONE WILL BE IN IN FAVOR OF THAT AS WELL. ONE LAST THING I WOULD ASK THAT MAYBE CLARIFICATION OR A LITTLE MORE VERBIAGE ADDED INTO THE BILL. THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TITLE HAS BEEN AN EVOLVING THING FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS HAS ADOPTED PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE AS THE CURRENT TERM AND THEY'RE INVOLVED IN A TRANSITION YOU KNOW TO MOVE THAT FORWARD. SEVERAL STATES ARE ALLOWING THE USE OF EITHER OR AS YOU KNOW THE THE SHALL WE SAY ADVERTISED TERM OR THE TITLE. I READ JUST THIS WEEK THAT OREGON AND MAINE HAVE ADOPTED PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE AS THE NEW STANDARD TITLE. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING IN THE GUAM BILL SAYING THAT THAT TITLE WOULD BE RECOGNIZED EITHER OR TITLE OR AS ADVISED BY THE AAPA OR THE NCCPA WHICH IS ALSO REFERENCED IN THE BILL AS THE NATIONAL CERTIFYING ORGANIZATION FOR PHYSICIANS ASSISTANCE. OKAY. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

THANK YOU MR STANLEY. DR. SHIEH. DR. EUSEBIO

DOCTOR RICARDO EUSEBIO THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. SENATORS. I APPRECIATE THE FOCUS ON MAINTAINING THE HIGHEST MEDICAL STANDARDS. THAT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE WANT TO TRY TO PROVIDE IN GUAM. THE MORE YOU THINK ABOUT TRYING TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST MEDICAL STANDARDS THE BETTER IT IS FOR YOUR CONSTITUENTS FOR OUR PATIENTS AND FOR EVERYBODY.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

DR. EUSEBIO FOR THE RECORD IF YOU COULD PLEASE STATE YOUR FULL NAME AND TITLE.

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DOCTOR RICARDO EUSEBIO I'M SORRY. MY NAME RICARDO EUSEBIO. I'M A GENERAL VASCULAR SURGEON HERE IN GUAM. CURRENTLY I'M THE ACTING CMO AT GMH. I'VE PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS. SO THAT'S MY ROLE. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE. AS I WAS SAYING THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE TALK ABOUT PROVIDING THE BEST MEDICAL CARE HERE IN GUAM. AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I'VE SEEN THROUGH MY LIFE HERE THROUGH MY PRACTICE OVER 30 YEARS OF PRACTICE HERE THAT WE HAVE GONE FROM A CERTAIN LEVEL OF CARE TO WHAT WE ARE PROVIDING NOW WHICH IS SO MUCH BETTER THAN BEFORE. IF WE ARE TO MAINTAIN THIS THEN THE FOCUS OF THE MEDICAL BOARD SHOULD BE SOLELY ON PHYSICIANS, AND I THINK THAT IF WE WERE WHICH IS THE REASON WHY MY FEELING IS THAT I AM AGAINST THIS BILL. WHY? NUMBER ONE THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE DIFFERENCES. THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES IN OUR SCOPE OF PRACTICE, AND I THINK IT'S NAIVE TO THINK THAT THE LEVEL OF CARE IS THE SAME. IT'S NOT THE SAME. THERE'S A DIFFERENT TRAINING THE DIFFERENT ROLES THAT THE PHYSICIAN PROVIDES AS COMPARED TO WHAT THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROVIDES. MY TRAINING I SPENT FOUR YEARS OF COLLEGE FOUR YEARS OF MEDICAL SCHOOL SIX YEARS OF POST-GRADUATE TRAINING AFTER THAT. PA SPEND FOUR YEARS OF COLLEGE AND THEN PERHAPS A TWO 24-27 MONTHS OF TRAINING AFTER THAT BASICALLY A MASTER'S LEVEL OF CARE. SO, THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN TERMS OF OUR EDUCATION AND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES CORRESPOND TO THAT LEVEL OF EDUCATION AND WHAT I DON'T WANT TO HAPPEN IS THAT I DON'T WANT TO BLUR THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES. I DON'T WANT PATIENTS TO THINK THAT THEY WHEN A PERSON COMES TO WHEN THEY GO TO THE CLINIC THAT THE PERSON WEARING THEIR WHITE COAT IS A DOCTOR AND A LOT OF THEM THINK THIS. WHETHER THEY SAY THEY'RE A DOCTOR SO AND SO OR WHAT IT'S IMPORTANT NOT TO BLUR THE LINES BECAUSE THE PATIENTS ARE CAN BE CONFUSED IN TERMS OF THESE DISTINCTIONS AND THERE CAN BE IN THE BOARD LEVEL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND THAT IS THERE CAN BE OVERSIGHT BIAS BECAUSE PHYSICIANS ARE IN THE BOARD OR EVEN AS STATED AS RECOMMENDED IN THIS BILL THAT A PHYSICIAN ALSO BE PART OF THE MEDICAL BOARD. THE DOMINANT NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE BOARD IS GOING TO BE PHYSICIANS AND THERE'S GOING TO BE OVERSIGHT BIAS IN THAT SENSE AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS MAY FEEL A SORT OF FAVOURITISM IN TERMS OF WHETHER REGULATORY THINGS ARE BEING DONE AND MIGHT FEEL THAT THERE IS A DELUSION IN THEIR REPRESENTATION OF THE BOARD. SO THAT'S ALSO THAT'S A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST. THERE'S A DIFFERENCE IN THE REGULATORY COMPLEXITY OF THIS BECAUSE OF OUR DIFFERENCES IN OUR LICENSURE DIFFERENCES IN OUR TRAINING AND ALSO EDUCATION. SO, THE BOARD HAS TO BE ABLE TO BALANCE THOSE PRIORITIES AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT. AND THEN ALSO THE I'M NOT SURE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IF YOU IF YOUR CONCERN IS THAT THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT IS BASICALLY AN EXTENDER OF THE PHYSICIAN AND THEREFORE SHOULD BE UNDER THE PHYSICIAN AND THEIR BOARD. THEN THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE NOT ONLY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS WHAT ABOUT NURSE PRACTITIONERS? WHAT ABOUT THE CERTIFIED NURSE ANAESTHETISTS? WHAT ABOUT THE CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES? ALL THOSE ARE PHYSICIAN EXTENDERS. ALL THOSE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE WORK IN THE TEAM AND COLLABORATE WITH THE PHYSICIAN. ALL OF THEM WORK

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BASICALLY UNDER THE SUPERVISORY ROLE OF THE PHYSICIAN. ARE THEY GOING TO BE PLACED UNDER THE MEDICAL BOARD TOO? ARE THEY GOING TO BE ASKING TO BE PLACED IN THE MEDICAL BOARD BECAUSE THEY ARE BEING SUPERVISED BY A PHYSICIAN? IT'S THE SAME THING. SO, IN ADDITION TO THAT THE DISCIPLINE STANDARDS SHOULD THE DISCIPLINE STANDARDS BE THE SAME? SHOULD WE DISCIPLINE A PHYSICIAN WHO VIOLATES THE RULES THE SAME AS WE DISCIPLINE THE PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS? THOSE ARE OTHER ISSUES THAT THAT YOU HAVE TO YOU HAVE TO CONSIDER BECAUSE THESE ARE ISSUES THAT THE BOARD HAS TO DEAL WITH. THUS, THE ISSUE OF THE HIGHEST MEDICAL STANDARD AS I STARTED SAYING IT REQUIRES A HEAVY BALANCE HAVING TO BALANCE THE AUTONOMY THE SUPERVISION AND REGULATORY CLARITY WHICH CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY HAVING A MEDICAL BOARD SINGULARLY FOCUSED ON PHYSICIANS ALONE. TODAY THE NUMBER OF ON ISLAND PHYSICIANS ARE AROUND I WOULD SAY 207-208 SOMETHING OF THAT NATURE AND THIS HAS BLOOMED TO 813. WHY? BECAUSE WE'RE USING TELEMEDICINE NOW. SO, YOU HAVE THIS BOARD WHICH CONSISTS OF 5-6 PEOPLE HAVING TO DEAL WITH 800 PEOPLE AND YOU WANT TO ADD PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE TO THAT WITH LIMITED FUNDING WITH THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT THESE FULL-TIME PHYSICIANS HAVE TO DO I THINK IT PLACES AN ADDED BURDEN, AND I THINK IT'S A BAD THING FOR YOU TO DO. SO MY FEELING IS THAT THAT THE MEMBERS AS I SAID ARE FULL-TIME PHYSICIANS AND WITH THEIR LIMITED FUNDING NEED TO BE ABLE TO FOCUS ON WHAT THEY DO AND THAT IS THE REGULATORY AND INVESTIGATIVE TASK THAT THEY NEED TO DO FOR COMPLAINTS IN REGARDS TO PHYSICIANS WHO VIOLATE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND ALSO TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE PROTECTING THE CITIZENS OF GUAM. THANK YOU.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

THANK YOU DR EUSEBIO. DR SHIEH.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH THANK YOU MADAM CHAIRWOMAN. I STATED MY NAME BEFORE. DR SHIEH. I'M A BOARD CERTIFIED OBGYN AND I'VE BEEN ON GUAM FOR NEARLY 29 YEARS, AND I'VE GOT TO KNOW MY COLLEAGUE DR. EUSEBIO EVER SINCE I LANDED ON GUAM. HE'S BEEN HERE A LOT LONGER THAN ME. HE HAS GOT MORE WHITE HAIR THAN ME TOO. SO BE AS IT MAY I KIND OF TEND TO AGREE WITH DR. EUSEBIO AS FAR AS THE MAKEUP OF THE BOARD. THE MAKEUP OF THE BOARD IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT WHEN YOU DILUTE A BOARD THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE FOCUSED ON ORIGINALLY BASED ON THE PHYSICIANS. PHYSICIANS AS A TERM BASICALLY SHOULD BE USED BY MD OR DOS. RIGHT NOW IF YOU ADD TWO MORE BOARD MEMBERS PODIATRY AND ALSO PA I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE I THINK AND THERE'S TWO PUBLIC MEMBERS CORRECT? ON THE BOARD? IS ANYBODY ON THE MAKEUP OF THE BOARD RIGHT NOW? WHO'S ON THERE?

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE YES

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH DO YOU KNOW?

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE SHOULD BE HERE. IT'S THERE'S CURRENTLY ONE PUBLIC MEMBER.

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DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH ONE PUBLIC MEMBER?

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE YEAH.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH OKAY. SO ONE PUBLIC MEMBER AND THEN SO IF YOU ADD THIS ONE PARTICULAR ONE ON THERE SO YOU HAVE HOW MANY NON-MD MEMBERS ON THERE? NON-PHYSICIAN MEMBERS WOULD BE A TOTAL OF THREE. CORRECT? YOU HAVE A PODIATRY. THAT'S A NON-MD. YOU ALSO HAVE IF YOU HAVE A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT. WOULD BE ANOTHER ONE. RIGHT? THAT'S A NON-MD. SO, YOU HAVE THREE. SO, IT WOULD BE THREE AND THEN YOU HAVE SIX MDS DOS ON THERE?

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE SIX. YES.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH YOU HAVE SIX ON THERE. SO, YOU KNOW AND LATER ON I ASSUME THAT BECAUSE THE SUPERVISORY ROLE IF THAT IS THE GOAL OF THE SUPERVISORY ROLE BECAUSE THE PA SHOULD BE UNDER THE GUAM BOARD, I CAN SEE DR EUSEBIO'S POINT OF VIEW THAT HEY YOU KNOW IT'S GOING TO GET MORE DILUTED BECAUSE CERTAINLY MIDWIVES. I SUPERVISE MIDWIVES. YOU KNOW I ALSO SUPERVISE NURSE PRACTITIONERS AS WELL AND YOU KNOW BUT THEY'RE NOT UNDER THE GUAM BOARD. THEY'RE UNDER THE NURSING BOARD. THEY'RE ALSO UNDER THE I THINK MIDWIVES IS ACTUALLY UNDER HEALTH BOARD MAYBE THE NURSING BOARD, I THINK. SO, NURSING BOARD. YEAH, SO THOSE ARE DIFFERENT BOARDS. I MEAN IF YOU'RE GOING TO DILUTE EVERYBODY LIKE THAT PERHAPS WE SHOULD JUST HAVE ONE BOARD. GET RID OF THE NURSING BOARD. GET RID OF THE LIUB BOARD AND JUST ONE BIG HAPPY BOARD. RIGHT THAT WAY YOU SUPERVISE EVERYBODY. THAT WAY YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL THESE YOU KNOW CHANGES SO THAT. I'M JUST GOING TO LEAVE IT AT THAT. SO IF YOU ARE GOING TO MOVE ON WITH THIS BILL AND PLACE THE PAS ON HERE, I JUST NEED TO YOU KNOW YOU JUST NEED TO BE AWARE OF THE DILUTION ASPECT OF IT BECAUSE IT IS DIFFICULT TO LOOK AT YOU KNOW PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE AND YOU KNOW ALL THAT. THE OTHER ASPECT OF IT IS I THINK STANLEY BROUGHT UP I WAS THINKING ABOUT THE ASSOCIATE PART. PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE. I DON'T MIND THE ASSOCIATE NAME BECAUSE YOU KNOW FOR MY CLINIC IS DR SHIEH'S CLINIC AND ASSOCIATES BUT WHEN I REFER TO ASSOCIATES, I MEANT TO SAY PHYSICIAN SPECIALIST. FOR EXAMPLE, DR HIRATA WHO'S A MATERNAL FETAL MEDICINE. HE'S MY ASSOCIATE. I HAVE A G1 ONCOLOGIST WHO'S MY ASSOCIATE SO THERE MAY BE SOME CONFUSION IN THAT BUT IF THE NATIONAL STANDARD IS MOVING TOWARDS ASSOCIATE YOU KNOW I THINK IT'S OKAY IT'S JUST THAT IT'S GOING TO BLUR THE LINE A LITTLE BIT MORE FOR PATIENTS AND RIGHT NOW PATIENT LIKE YOU KNOW THEY ARE GETTING CONFUSED EVEN THOUGH YOU TELL THEM I'M NOT A PHYSICIAN I'M A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT. THEY STILL GET A LITTLE CONFUSED BUT MY PARTICULAR TESTIMONY LIKE STANLEY SAID AND I THINK SENATOR TERLAJE MENTIONED ALREADY IS THAT THERE WAS A SORT OF OVERSIGHT MISLABELLING OR YOU KNOW BUT I'LL GO THROUGH MY TESTIMONY. NOW WHEN WE REFER TO PAGE LET'S GO THROUGH PAGE FOUR ON THE BILL PAGE FOUR SECTION FIVE LINE 23 ON THE GUAM BOARD OF AMERICANS HAVE NINE MEMBERS WHO SHOULD BE NOMINATED AND APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE OF THE CONSENT LEGISLATURE. I WOULD TEND TO AMEND THAT

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TO READ GO ON BOARD AMERICANS COMPOSED OF NINE MEMBERS WHO SHALL BE NOMINATED AND APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR OR PUT THAT OR IN THERE THE LEGISLATURE OR BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM OR BY AN APPLICATION PROCESS FOR ALL PROVIDERS IN THE COMMUNITY IF THE CANDIDATE IS DEEMED TO BE BOARD TO THE BOARD IS QUALIFIED. AND THE REASON I BRING I BRING THAT UP IS BECAUSE WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE GUAM LAW I THINK GCA 12 12201 IT STATES THAT THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY AND OBLIGATION OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINER IS TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM. SO, YOU KNOW SO THEY'RE NOT THERE TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR AND THEY'RE REALLY NOT THERE TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE LEGISLATURE. THEY'RE THERE TO SERVE THE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TO PROTECT THEM. SO, WHEN YOU PUT THE SOLE APPOINTMENT TO ONE PARTICULAR PERSON THEN IT BECOME SERVING AT THE PLEASURE OF ONE PERSON. I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE GOAL OF WHAT THE BOARD SHOULD BE DOING. AND IF MAYBE THAT'S PERHAPS WHY THAT YOU HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF POOL OF PHYSICIANS WHO WANTS TO SERVE ON THE BOARD. SO, SOMEONE WHO IS REALLY QUALIFIED THEY SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO APPLY TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS. AND I THINK THAT PEOPLE WILL WANT THAT. AND THERE'S THERE HAS BEEN INCIDENTS WHERE WE THINK A PHYSICIAN SHOULDN'T BE LICENSED AMONG THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND THEN WE HEAR OH WE GOT A CALL FROM SOMEBODY THAT SAY HEY I WANT THAT PERSON LICENSED AND ALL OF A SUDDEN, THEY'RE IN A COMMUNITY. SO, TO CREATE THAT NONBIASED VIEW OF THE BOARD I THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AND WITHIN THE BILL I READ THAT, AND I THINK THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO CHANGE IT. ALRIGHT. SO, I JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT. BUT AGAIN, YOU KNOW THE GO BOARD EXAM SHOULD REMAIN UNBIASED AND SHOULD BE POLITICALLY FREE FROM INFLUENCES OF POLITICIANS YOU KNOW OUT OF LOOP AND LEGISLATIVE BODY. THIS IS TO ENSURE THE TRUE DUTIES TO SERVE AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC. NOW PAGE FIVE LINE SEVEN. THIS IS SO YOU KNOW I DID READ THE BILL. SO OKAY PAGE FIVE LINE SEVEN. AND NOTHING AGAINST DR EUSEBIO HERE AS THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR. OKAY IT SAYS HERE ONE PHYSICIAN BOARD MEMBER SHALL BE THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF GMH WHO MEETS THE ABOVE CRITERIA YOU KNOW I BELIEVE THIS POSITION SHOULD BE REMOVED AND THEN PART OF THE REASON WHY IS THAT YOU KNOW AND YOU MAY ARGUE THAT WELL THE POSITION OF THE HOSPITAL DIRECTOR SHOULD HAVE A SEAT KIND OF AUTOMATIC NOMINATION TO THE BOARD YOU KNOW WHY SHOULD THAT BE YOU KNOW I MEAN WHAT IS THE REASON FOR THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT BECAUSE THE HOSPITAL IS RUN BY THE GOVERNOR. HE HAS ORGANIC ACT. HE'S GOING TO HE GETS AN ADDITIONAL VOTE ON THE BOARD AND THAT CREATES AN UNDUE BIAS AGAIN. SO, I THINK THAT POSITION IT SHOULD BE REMOVED. PAGE 6 LINE 12. THIS IS ALSO ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO AMEND SOMETHING THAT I THINK IS DOING INJUSTICE FOR THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ON GUAM LINE 12 IT SAYS THE CSR THAT YOU REQUIRE CSR. NOW WE ENCOURAGE THAT REMOVAL OF THE GUAM CSR THAT'S A CONTROL SUBSTANCE REGISTRATION AS LONG AS A FEDERAL DEA DRUG INFORMANCE AGENCY LICENSE IS CERTIFICATE IS OBTAINED BY THE PROVIDER. MANY JURISDICTIONS DO NOT REQUIRE A LOCAL CSR. IN FACT, GUAM REALLY HAS THE HIGHEST COST FOR PROVIDERS FOR ANY PRESCRIBING REGISTRATION AND THE MAJORITY OF STATE DOESN'T EVEN REQUIRE CSR. SO, I THINK THAT

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SHOULD BE REMOVED. IN FACT, WHEN GUAM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH RAISED THE RATE FROM \$150 TO \$500. THAT'S OVER 350%. WE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A NOTICE OF THAT. NONE OF THE PHYSICIAN GOT A NOTICE THAT THEY WAS GOING TO INCREASE THAT PARTICULAR RATE. SO JUST ONE EXAMPLE IN TEXAS. THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE ELIMINATED THE REQUIREMENT FOR PHYSICIANS AND OTHER PRACTITIONERS TO HOLD A SEPARATE CONTROL SUBSTANCE ISSUED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH. THIS CHANGE TOOK PLACE ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO AND THE LEGISLATURE INTENT WAS TO SIMPLIFY THE REGULATORY OVERSIGHT BY REMOVING THE DUPLICATED STATE LEVEL REGISTRATION WHICH STREAMLINES THE LICENSING PROCESSING FOR PHYSICIANS. BY DOING THIS THE LEGISLATURE MAINTAINED A REQUIREMENT, OKAY. FOR A FEDERAL DEA TO CONTROL TO CONTINUE TO PRESCRIBE CONTROL SUBSTANCE BUT THEY REMOVED THE NEED FOR A SECONDARY STATE LEVEL PERMIT. THEY DON'T FEEL THE NEED FOR THAT. AND AS OF SEPTEMBER 2016, ANY PRACTITIONER WHO HOLDS A VALID DEA REGISTRATION IS LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO PRESCRIBE WITH NO SEPARATE STATE REQUIRED CSR. JUST TO REMIND YOU THAT THE DEA I THINK LASTS FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS. IS THAT RIGHT THREE YEARS? THREE YEARS AND COST US ABOUT \$800 ON A FEDERAL LEVEL. ALRIGHT. A PA'S GOT TO PAY THAT TOO BY THE WAY A FEDERAL LEVEL. THREE YEARS ON GUAM IT'S \$500 PER YEAR AND IT'S 1,500 FOR THREE YEARS. I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEY DO WITH THE MONEY, BUT YOU KNOW I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WE DON'T NEED IT. ALRIGHT WE DON'T NEED A GUAM CSR SO THAT IS THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THIS BILL TO CHANGE THAT AND PAGE 6 GOING BACK TO LINE 24 TO 27 AND I THINK THAT THAT ISSUE IS ALREADY ADDRESSED BECAUSE THERE WAS A DISCREPANCY THAT YOU KNOW THE PHYSICIAN HAS TO BE ON THE PREMISES. SO THAT'S ALREADY DELETED. I THINK THAT THAT'S PRETTY MUCH WHAT I HAVE TO SAY THROUGH THE ENTIRE BILL. OTHER THAN THAT, IF I NOTICE ANYTHING DIFFERENT, I'LL CERTAINLY SEND AN EMAIL TO SENATOR TERLAJE. NOW DR LUM ALSO HAS A LETTER. I THINK SHE EMAILED A LETTER TO SENATOR TERLAJE, AND SHE DISAGREED WITH THE BILL. SHE DOESN'T WANT IT BUT AT THE END OF THE LAST LINE I KIND OF SPOKE TO HER A LITTLE BIT AND I THINK THE ASPECT OF HER CONCERN IS NOT TO BABYSIT THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY EXPAND AND DO THEIR WORK, BUT SHE'S ACTUALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SUPERVISING ASPECT OF IT. THAT'S ABOUT IT. THANK YOU.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

THANK YOU DR SHIEH. THANK YOU TO THE PANEL. IF YOU COULD JUST, PLEASE REMAIN SEATED IS TO TAKE ON ANY QUESTIONS FROM MY COLLEAGUES STARTING WITH THE BILL'S AUTHOR SENATOR TERLAJE.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. I APPRECIATE IT. AND I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERNS ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT WHERE YOU POINT OUT HOW MANY PHYSICIANS ALREADY ARE UNDER THE DUTY OF THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS TO REGULATE. RIGHT? TO ENSURE SAFETY. I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THAT, HOWEVER, I THINK IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ALLIED HEALTH BOARD ALSO STRUGGLING WITH THEIR NUMEROUS

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DIFFERENT TYPES OF PROFESSIONALS THAT THEY HAVE TO REGULATE AND BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS THEY FEEL THAT PHYSICIANS CAN BETTER REGULATE SUPERVISE AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE ABIDING BY THEIR SCOPE OF PRACTICE. AND I READ THE AMA (AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION) ALSO THEIR POLICY ADDRESSES REGULATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE. THEY ADVOCATE SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING THE AUTHORITY OF MEDICAL LICENSING AND REGULATORY BOARDS TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE THROUGH OVERSIGHT OF PHYSICIANS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, AND RELATED MEDICAL PERSONNEL. THEY OPPOSED LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH AUTONOMOUS REGULATORY BOARDS MEANT TO LICENSE REGULATE AND DISCIPLINE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS OUTSIDE OF THE EXISTING STATE MEDICAL LICENSING AND REGULATORY BODIES AUTHORITY AND PURVIEW AND THEN AS I TOLD YOU EARLIER THE DIFFERENT STATES 43 OF THEM DO IT THE WAY WE'RE PROPOSING TO DO IS PUT IT UNDER THE LICENSING BOARD. AND IT'S REALLY I KNOW YOU'RE SAYING YOU HAVE A MUCH DIFFERENT LEVEL OF EDUCATION TRAINING AND ALL OF THAT BUT IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT I THINK THAT THE ALLIED HEALTH BOARD FEELS THAT YOU ARE BETTER ABLE EQUIPPED TO OVERSEE THIS AND IT'S REALLY JUST IT'S AN OVERSIGHT AND ACTUALLY YOUR CONCERN DR. EUSEBIO ABOUT YOU KNOW PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS BECAUSE THEY WORK FOR PHYSICIANS AND NOW THEY'RE GOING TO BE REGULATED BY PHYSICIANS BUT I THINK THERE WERE SOME PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS THAT DON'T WANT TO BE REGULATED BY PHYSICIANS BECAUSE THAT'S WHO THEIR EMPLOYERS ARE BUT I JUST THINK IT'S KIND OF THE CONSENSUS ACROSS THE NATION THAT AN ALLIED HEALTH BOARD WITH SOME OTHER EXPERTISE IS NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO ADEQUATELY OVERSEE THIS PRACTICE OF MEDICINE THAT PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ARE DOING. NO, THEY'RE NOT DOCTORS. THEY'RE NOT ANYWHERE NEAR YOUR SCOPE OF PRACTICE BUT THAT'S THE OTHER THING BECAUSE WE'RE REQUIRING THEM TO MAKE A VERY DETAILED SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND SUPERVISION AGREEMENT. IT'S TECHNICAL AND THAT'S ANOTHER THING. I THINK THE PHYSICIAN BOARD IS GOING TO BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO OVERSEE. BUT I DEFINITELY HEAR YOUR CONCERNS, AND WE'LL CONSIDER THOSE AND DISCUSS THOSE WITH THE COMMITTEE CHAIR AND THE ALLIED HEALTH BOARD, BUT THEY REALLY FEEL THE EXPERTISE IS WITH YOUR BOARD BUT THIS BY PUTTING THEM UNDER YOUR THE MEDICAL BOARD LICENSING BOARD IN NO WAY INCREASES THEIR AUTHORITY OR YOU KNOW THEIR TRAINING. SO, THEY THAT'S ANOTHER YOU MUST LIMIT THEM TO THEIR TRAINING. RIGHT? THEIR SCOPE TO THEIR TRAINING. AND THAT'S WHY OVERSIGHT OF THOSE SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS SOMEBODY HAS TO REVIEW THOSE AND SEE IF YOU KNOW LIKE YOU SAID WE ARE GOING TO BE CONFUSING PATIENTS. WE WOULD BE ALLOWING TOO MUCH. AND THE RULES IN PARTICULAR YOU KNOW I THINK THEY TRIED TO ADDRESS SOME OF THOSE CONCERNS. THEY I SAW ONE OF THE RULES SAYS PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANTS MUST WEAR BADGES THAT VERY CLEARLY SHOW PATIENTS THAT THEY ARE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND NOT DOCTORS. AND SO THAT AND THIS GIVES THE MEDICAL BOARD THE AUTHORITY TO CREATE THE RULES RIGHT AND I THINK BECAUSE OF THOSE CONCERNS TO MAKE SURE THAT PATIENTS IT'S REALLY FOR THE PATIENTS SO THAT THEY'RE VERY CLEAR THE I AGREE WITH YOU DR SHIEH ABOUT THE BOARD COMPOSITION. HOWEVER, THAT'S A TO ME A DIFFERENT SCOPE OF THE BILL. LIKE FOR EXAMPLE THE APPOINTMENT WHO WILL APPOINT THOSE MEMBERS. I LIKE THE

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IDEA. I'M NOT I WOULD LOOK AT THE ORGANIC ACT AND SEE IF THAT'S SOMETHING POSSIBLE BECAUSE RIGHT NOW ALL OUR BOARDS ARE PATTERNED THIS WAY BECAUSE OF THE ORGANIC ACT AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR. IT'S VERY CLEAR GOVERNOR APPOINTS WE APPROVE I'LL SEE IF THERE ARE ANY EXCEPTIONS TO THAT, BUT IT DOES ALLOW FOR

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH RIGHT BUT YOU KNOW IF I CAN INTERJECT.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE YES.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH I THINK THEY'RE GOING TO ACT IF I READ IT CORRECTLY IT DOES WHAT I SUGGEST AMENDING DOES NOT TAKE AWAY THE ABILITY FOR THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT IF I SAID REMOVE THE GOVERNOR FROM APPOINTMENTS THEN CERTAINLY THAT REMOVES HER POWER BUT IT'S ADDING. IT'S ADDING SOMETHING EXTRA TO THE LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWS THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TO HAVE MORE CONTROL OVER WHO THEY PUT INTO THE BOARD

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE BY NOMINATING TO THE GOVERNOR OR BY NOMINATING DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD?

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH BY EITHER IF THERE'S A POSITIONS AVAILABLE IF YOU QUALIFY YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO APPLY TO A POSITION FOR THE BOARD OR IT CAN BE NOMINATED BY THE LEGISLATURE, BUT YOU KNOW IF THAT'S THE WAY IT IS WITH ORGANIC ACT STATES, BUT IT DOES NOT PROHIBIT. I DON'T THINK IT PROHIBITS THE LAW TO BE CHANGED TO ADD. IT'S NOT TAKING AWAY THE ORGANIC POWERS OF THE GOVERNOR BY JUST ADDING MORE TO IT. ANOTHER OPTION. THINKING OUT OF THE BOX.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE SURE YEAH, I LIKE THAT I'M JUST GOING TO POINT OUT TO YOU GVB THERE WAS A LAWSUIT WHEN THE LEGISLATURE TRIED TO ESTABLISH A LAW THAT GVB BOARD WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN A DIFFERENT WAY OTHER THAN GOVERNOR APPOINTMENT AND THAT WAS RULED INORGANIC. SO ANYWAYS WE HAVE TO DRAW THE LINE, AND WE WILL CONSIDER. I WILL CONSIDER WHAT YOU'RE SAYING I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH GOOD AND THE POINT ABOUT THE AMA THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TO WHICH I'M A MEMBER FOR I DON'T KNOW. THREE DECADES. I THINK THAT THE RESOLUTION OF WHAT THEY SUGGEST WITH AMA IS THAT THEY DO NOT WANT THE PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT TO HAVE THEIR OWN REGULATORY BOARD IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE DON'T HAVE OVERSIGHT FOR THEM. IN FACT RIGHT NOW ON THE ALLIED HEALTHCARE BOARD WE STILL HAVE TO HAVE OVERSIGHT OF THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT THE SAME COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT IS STILL HAS TO BE THERE FOR THEM TO BE LICENSED UNDER THE LI HEALTH BOARD. SO, THEY STILL NEEDS TO WORK WITH INDIVIDUAL PHYSICIANS. THERE'S NO CHANGES AS FAR AS THE LICENSING OF PAS EVEN IF IT COMES UNDER THE BOARD. NOW THE POINT ABOUT THE PA BEING REGULATED BY PHYSICIANS WE CAN THAT

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DOESN'T CHANGE ANYTHING. I THINK WHAT DR EUSEBIO'S CONCERN IS THAT NOW WHEN YOU PUT THE PA ON THE BOARD FOR EXAMPLE THEN THE PA IN TURN IS REGULATING US LICENSING US BECAUSE NOW THEY HAVE A VOTE ON WHO THEY CAN LICENSE. SO THE TRAINING PART OF IT THEY CAN'T SAY HEY YOU KNOW PA CAN'T I DON'T KNOW THEY'RE A GOOD PA IF THEY KNOW MORE THAN DR EUSEBIO OR MYSELF WITH THE TRAINING THAT WE HAVE SO THAT'S THE I THINK THAT'S THE CONCERN THERE SO I'M JUST SAYING THAT AS A POINT OF INFORMATION WHERE THAT HAS TO BE ADDRESSED. THE OTHER POINT IN THE WITHIN THE BILL IS THAT AND IT MAY BE A GOOD THING, OR IT MAY BE A BAD THING. OKAY? BUT I'M ALL ABOUT PARITY, RIGHT? I'VE ALWAYS SAID I WANT PARITY I DON'T THINK ANYBODY ELSE IF YOU'RE GOING TO PAY SOMEBODY \$1 YOU GOT TO PAY ME \$1. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT IN THE RULES AND REG IT REQUIRES THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TO BE CURRENTLY CERTIFIED BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CERTIFICATIONS. RIGHT NOW, PHYSICIANS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE BOARD CERTIFIED. SO, YOU'RE REQUIRING THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TO BE CERTIFIED BUT YOU'RE NOT REQUIRING THE SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN TO BE CERTIFIED OR HAVE A CURRENT CERTIFICATION. SO THAT'S TO ME THAT'S A LITTLE DOUBLE STANDARD IN THE RULES AND REGS.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE OKAY. YEAH. I GET IT. I WOULD ASSUME THAT THEY CAN'T CALL THEMSELVES A PHYSICIAN ON GUAM UNLESS THEY ARE ACTUALLY LICENSED.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH WELL THEY'RE GOING TO GET CERTIFICATION. THEY HAVE TO PASS THEIR CERTIFICATION AS INITIAL EXAM. BUT THE LAW SAYS HERE IN THE RULES AND REGS IS THAT AT THE TIME OF RENEWAL YOU HAVE TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF CURRENT CERTIFICATION. THERE ARE PHYSICIANS WHO ARE CERTIFIED BUT THEY'RE NO LONGER CERTIFIED. THEY'RE JUST NOT MAINTAINING THEIR CERTIFICATION. SO, IF WHAT I'M SAYING IF YOU'RE GOING TO REQUIRE SOMEONE TO BE BOARD CERTIFIED WITH A CURRENT CERTIFICATION THEN PERHAPS A SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN SHOULD ALSO BE CERTIFIED.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE OKAY.

DOCTOR RICARDO EUSEBIO I DON'T THINK THAT THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT WE SHOULD FOLLOW NECESSARILY. THE REASON WHY I SAY THAT IS BECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF PHYSICIANS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. THEY ARE NOT THE. THE PHILOSOPHIES THE WAY THE ORGANIZATION IS RUN GOES AGAINST THE MAJORITY OF PHYSICIANS IN THE UNITED STATES. THAT'S THE FIRST THING THAT I WANT TO SAY. THE SECOND THING IS THAT BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THE ALLIED HEALTH BOARD FEELS UNCOMFORTABLE DEALING WITH PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE THE ANSWER IS NOT TO TAKE AWAY THE PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS AND PUT THEM SOMEWHERE ELSE. MAYBE THE ANSWER IS TO TEACH THEM HOW THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO REGULATE MAYBE THEY CAN WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH THE GUAM MEDICAL BOARD IN ORDER TO BE MORE EDUCATED AND GET SOME IDEAS AS TO HOW TO REGULATE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE AND FEEL COMFORTABLE. I THINK THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO OPEN THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE BOARDS SO THAT ESPECIALLY WITH THE ALLIED HEALTH BOARD THAT HAS

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SO MANY DIFFERENT SPECIALTIES IN IT THAT MAYBE THEY NEED HELP IN THAT SENSE, BUT THE ANSWER IS NOT TO TAKE SOMEBODY WHO DOESN'T BELONG SOMEWHERE ELSE AND PUT THEM THERE JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE BEING SUPERVISED.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE THANK YOU SIR. YEAH, AGAIN I APPRECIATE ALL YOUR CONCERNS. I THINK WE HAVE TO CONSIDER THE PRACTICALITY OF THAT. IF WE ARE TRYING TO GOVERN THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE WHICH THE SUPERVISORY AGREEMENTS DELEGATE TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS THEN WE SHOULD SUPERVISE THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE BY THOSE WHO ARE QUALIFIED TO SUPERVISE THAT PRACTICE THOSE EXACT PRACTICES THAT YOU ARE DELEGATING, AND I KNOW YOU POINTED OUT THERE ARE OTHERS LIKE NURSE PRACTITIONERS. THIS IS A WHOLE. IT'S A DICHOTOMY IN OUR COMMUNITY RIGHT NOW. NURSE PRACTITIONERS WERE GIVEN THE AUTHORITY BY PREVIOUS LEGISLATORS TO PRESCRIBE WITHOUT SUPERVISION. SO, THEY ARE IN A DIFFERENT CATEGORY WHICH WE'RE NOT TRYING TO RESOLVE BY THIS BILL BUT YEAH AND THEY'RE UNDER THE NURSING BOARD. RIGHT? SO PER PERHAPS I MEAN IT IN DOCTOR'S INTEREST IF THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE QUALITY OF CARE ON GUAM THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT GETS DONE IN THEIR AIM THROUGH A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AND SO I'M OPEN TO CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS. SI YU'OS MA'ASE MADAM CHAIR. I KNOW THE TIME IS UP.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

THANK YOU SENATOR TERLAJE AND

DOCTOR RICARDO EUSEBIO EVEN THE NURSE PRACTITIONERS HAVE SOME OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY. THEY CANNOT JUST GO OUT THERE AND HANG THEIR SHINGLE AND SAY, "I'M YOU KNOW I'M GOING TO TAKE CARE OF ALL THE PATIENTS." THERE'S STILL SOMEBODY THAT IS OVERSEEING THEM.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

THANK YOU DR. EUSEBIO. SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE THANK YOU MADAME CHAIR. GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. YOU KNOW I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS LEGISLATION. I'M SUPPORTIVE OF MOVING YOU KNOW THE PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANCE UNDER THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND THE CHANGE ALIGNS WITH NATIONAL STANDARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGES THE MEDICAL TRAINING AND RESPONSIBILITY OF PAS SINCE THEY WORK IN DIRECT COORDINATION WITH THE PHYSICIANS UNIFIED OVERSIGHT IMPROVES PATIENT SAFETY STRENGTHENS SUPERVISIONS AND SIMPLIFIES REGULATION. IT ALSO UPDATES PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY AND ENSURES THAT HEALTHCARE DELIVERY IN GUAM STAYS CURRENT AND EFFICIENT. AS I LOOKED AT SOME OF THE LEGISLATION IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS THERE ARE QUITE A BIT OF JURISDICTIONS THAT FALL UNDER THE SAME SCENARIO, SO I APPRECIATE THE GOOD AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION AND ASKED TO BE A CO-SPONSOR OF THIS. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

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THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE. SENATOR PEREZ.

SENATOR SABINA PEREZ THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. SO YEAH, I'M LOOKING THROUGH THE BILL OF COURSE IN REGARD TO THE RECOMMENDATION TO REMOVE C SUBSECTION 2 A CURRENT GUAM CONTROL SUBSTANCE REGISTRATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES. SO YEAH, I'M JUST KIND OF CURIOUS IF YOU CAN MAYBE CAN EXPLAIN. IT SEEMS THERE MIGHT BE SOME LIKE IT'S THERE'S LACK OF UNIFORMITY REGARDING WHAT TYPE OF DRUGS A PA CAN PRESCRIBE BASED ON THE PHYSICIAN THAT'S SUPERVISING THEM OR. YEAH, IF YOU CAN EXPLAIN THAT TO ME WHAT IS THE REQUIREMENT FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE IN REGARD TO PRESCRIPTION OF DRUGS.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH WELL THE PAS TECHNICALLY THEY CAN'T PRESCRIBE CONTROL SUBSTANCE. CONTROL SUBSTANCE ARE LIKE OPIATES YOU KNOW TYLENODINES YOU KNOW THINGS LIKE THAT. THEY USUALLY SCHEDULE TWO AND SCHEDULE THREE ANTIBIOTICS BIRTH CONTROL PILLS. MAYBE STANLEY CAN ADD TO THAT. YOU KNOW WHAT DO YOU PRESCRIBE YOU? CAN YOU PRESCRIBE PERCOCET?

WILLIAM STANLEY NO. UNDER CURRENT GUAM LAW PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS CAN PRESCRIBE CLASS 4 OR SCHEDULE 4 AND SCHEDULE 5 AND THOSE DO INCLUDE SOME CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES SPECIFICALLY OF THE LOWER-LEVEL COUGH SYRUP WITH CODINE FOR EXAMPLE TRAMODOL WHICH IS A MILD OPIOID NARCOTIC. NO, WE CANNOT PRESCRIBE PERCOCET WHICH IS OXYCODONE WHICH IS A CATEGORY TWO SCHEDULE TWO DRUG.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH I GOT TO REVERSE. CATEGORY FOUR IS THE ONE. I SHOULD GO UP.

WILLIAM STANLEY YEAH FOURS AND FIVES. HOWEVER AGAIN I HAVE PRACTICED HERE FOR 23 YEARS. WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED, WE COULD PRESCRIBE CATEGORY TWO THROUGH FIVE. AND THAT OVER THE YEARS CHANGED WITH REWRITING OF LEGISLATION. WHEN I PRACTICED IN KENTUCKY INITIALLY, I COULD NOT PRESCRIBE ANYTHING BUT CATEGORY FOURS AND FIVES. THAT HAS NOW CHANGED TO ALLOW CATEGORY THREE IN KENTUCKY. WEST VIRGINIA WHERE I HAVE ALSO PRACTICED ALLOWS PRESCRIPTION OF CATEGORY 2 THROUGH FIVE. QUITE A FEW STATES. IT'S A PATCH WORK OF LAWS SHALL WE SAY? AND THE PATCHWORK ALSO APPLIES TO NURSE PRACTITIONERS BUT TO A LESSER DEGREE BECAUSE THEIR POLITICAL LOBBY HAS DONE A MUCH BETTER JOB OF HELPING GET THE LAWS WRITTEN YOU KNOW IN THEIR FAVOUR TO ALLOW COMPLETE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY.

SENATOR SABINA PEREZ OKAY. SO, IF WE CAN MAYBE ADD SO BY REMOVING TO THE CURRENT GUAM CONTROL SUBSTANCE REGISTRATION DOES THAT. WHAT EFFECT DOES THAT HAVE IF ANY?

WILLIAM STANLEY AS I POINTED OUT EARLIER THERE ARE SOME CONTRADICTIONS IN THIS PARTICULAR LAW AS IT STANDS. ONE PARAGRAPH SAYS ANY SCHEDULED DRUG TWO THROUGH FIVE. ANOTHER PARAGRAPH SAYS ANY SCHEDULED DRUG EXCEPT TWOS AND THREES. SO, AND THAT'S HOW

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WE PRACTICE RIGHT NOW ANY SCHEDULED DRUG EXCEPT TWOS AND THREES. IT DOESN'T HAVE A BIG IMPACT ON WHERE I PRACTICE BECAUSE FOR THE MOST PART WE DON'T PRESCRIBE THAT SORT OF MEDICATION ANYWAY BUT IF I'M TREATING A PATIENT WHO HAS SEVERE PAIN SAY A PATIENT WITH A FRACTURE AND CATEGORY YOU KNOW FOURS AND FIVES HAVE NOT MANAGED THEIR PAIN THEN I WILL TALK WITH MY SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN AND GET A CO- SIGNATURE ON A CATEGORY 3 OR CATEGORY 2 MEDICATION AND THAT'S WHERE THE COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT COMES IN BUT I CANNOT PRESCRIBE THOSE LEVEL OF MEDICATION AUTONOMOUSLY.

SENATOR SABINA PEREZ OKAY. SO, I THINK ULTIMATELY THE LANGUAGE SHOULD REFLECT THAT IT'S REALLY DEPENDENT UPON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PHYSICIAN SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN. THAT'S ULTIMATELY WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO.

WILLIAM STANLEY AND AGAIN THAT CAN BE AS IN SOME STATES IT CAN BE DELINEATED IN THE SUPERVISORY AGREEMENT AND/OR THE COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT THAT WHEN I WORK WITH THIS PARTICULAR PHYSICIAN, I CAN PRESCRIBE THESE MEDICATIONS FROM THIS FORMULARY. IT CAN BE SPECIFIED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS, OR IT CAN BE SPECIFIED IN THE LAW ON A BLANKET BASIS BUT STILL THE PHYSICIAN OVERSIGHT IS THERE BECAUSE IN THE OTHER PARAGRAPH IT SAYS THAT ALL CHARTS HAVE TO BE CO COSIGNED WITHIN UNDER GUAM LAW A 7-DAY PERIOD. SO, IF I PRESCRIBED A MEDICATION TODAY AND DR. SHIEH CO-SIGNS MY CHART THREE DAYS FROM NOW AND HE SAYS, "ED YOU PRESCRIBED PERCOCET FOR THIS PATIENT I DON'T THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA." AND WE DISCUSS IT AND WE CONTACT THE PATIENT. WE CHANGE THE PRESCRIPTION. HE EXERCISES HIS SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY AND WE BOTH COLLABORATE IN THE CARE OF THE PATIENT, AND HE TELLS ME NOT TO EVER DO THAT AGAIN.

SENATOR SABINA PEREZ OKAY SO REMOVING THAT ITEM TWO IS NOT GOING TO HAVE EFFECT.

WILLIAM STANLEY REMOVING THE ITEM TWO. I'M SORRY.

SENATOR SABINA PEREZ ON PAGE SIX LINE 12 AND 13 TO 13.

WILLIAM STANLEY NO THAT WOULD NOT HAVE ANY EFFECT AT ALL. AND I THANK DR SHIEH FOR BRINGING THAT UP IT'S BEEN A FRUSTRATION WITH A LOT OF US AS HE SAYS, "I PAY \$800 FOR THE SAME DEA THAT HE DOES, AND I PAY \$500 FOR THE SAME CSR THAT HE DOES BUT I CAN ONLY PRESCRIBE COUGH SYRUP."

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH YOU KNOW I SPEAK FOR I WOULD SAY 100%. OKAY I SHOULDN'T SAY 100 NEVER 100. 99.9% OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS THAT WE AGREE THAT CSR AND GUAM SHOULD BE REMOVED. THAT'S A DUPLICATE UNNECESSARY PROCESS.

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WILLIAM STANLEY IT DOESN'T ALLOW YOU TO DO ANYTHING THAT THE DEA DOESN'T AND VICE VERSA I MEAN IT'S DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND DUPLICATION.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH MAJORITY OF STATES GOT RID OF THEIR CSR.

SENATOR SABINA PEREZ OKAY. ALL RIGHT. SO YEAH, THANK YOU FOR THAT. BUT I GUESS PERHAPS MAYBE IN SOME FUTURE CASE THE DIRECTS MAY NOT BE DUPLICATED.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH I DON'T THINK SO. IF YOU'RE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS BILL YOU CAN ACTUALLY CHANGE THE LAW BY REMOVING THAT SECTION.

SENATOR SABINA PEREZ MHM. OKAY.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH YOU CAN AMEND IT. ANOTHER LEGISLATION. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE PUBLIC HEALTH COMING IN. "OH NO. WE NEED THAT \$500. WE NEED THAT \$500 PER YEAR," BUT WHEN WE ASK THEM WHAT DO YOU DO WITH IT WELL, WE HAVE IT REGISTERED, AND WE WATCH HOW YOU PRESCRIBE. WELL DEA IS ALREADY DOING THAT. THE PHARMACY IS ALREADY DOING THAT. SO REALLY WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT MONEY? IT'S JUST AN UNNECESSARY THING THAT WE HAVE TO EXPEND AND THEN MAYBE WE HAVE TO PASS IT ON TO THE PATIENTS DOWN THE ROAD. SO, I THINK IT'S UNNECESSARY SO I THINK IF YOU CAN CHANGE IT, I WOULD CHANGE IT THAT'S JUST ISSUE WITH A LOT OF THESE THINGS BECAUSE PUBLIC HEALTH WILL ALWAYS COME IN AND THEY ALWAYS WELL THEY INCREASE THE PRICE OF THE CSR WITHOUT EVEN LETTING US KNOW. THAT'S THE HIGHEST PRICE INCREASE I EVER HEARD IN GUAM FROM \$150 TO \$500. JUST LIKE THAT. BOOM. WE HEARD ABOUT IT AFTERWARDS AND PUBLIC HEALTH REALLY HAVE NOTHING TO SHOW US WHAT THEY DID WITH THE MONEY.

SENATOR SABINA PEREZ YEAH, I JUST WANTED CLARITY ON WHETHER IT WAS DUPLICATIVE OR NOT AND MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING IN LOCAL LAW THAT IS DIFFERENT. SO THAT'S ALL I JUST WANTED TO GET CLARITY ON THESE ISSUES SO THANK YOU.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH YEAH. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU GET RID OF IT BECAUSE IT REALLY DOESN'T NEED IT BECAUSE WE ALREADY PAYING FOR THE FEDERAL SIDE OF THE EA. YEAH.

SENATOR SABINA PEREZ ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR RESPONSE AND THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH THEN GOING BACK TO STANLEY'S POINT IT IS STATE BY STATE AS FAR AS THE CATEGORY GOES WHETHER YOU CAN PRESCRIBE NARCOTICS OR NOT SO THAT AND YOU KNOW YOU CAN ACTUALLY LIMIT THAT BY THE INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER WHETHER OR NOT IN A COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT. LET'S SAY YOU CHANGE THE LAW AND RIGHT NOW THE LAW SAYS YOU CAN ONLY PRESCRIBE SCHEDULE FOUR AND FIVE. IT DOESN'T ALLOW TWO AND THREE. BUT IF YOU WANT TO ALLOW PH TO PRESCRIBE PERCOCET OR MORPHINE OR.

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DOCTOR RICARDO EUSEBIO IT DEPENDS ON THE STATE. EVERY STATE HAS DIFFERENT REGULATORY.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH RIGHT. BUT IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE THAT YOU CAN.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
THANK YOU SENATOR PEREZ. SENATOR GUMATAOTAO.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS. JUST IF I COULD I'M JUST GOING TO GET RIGHT TO THE POINT. CAN I ASK IN TERMS OF THE GUAM MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ON BILL 123 WHAT INPUT DID YOU ALL PROVIDE IN THE BILL'S DEVELOPMENT?

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH WHAT DEVELOPMENT?

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO WHAT INPUT IF ANY DID GMA PROVIDE IN THIS BILL'S DEVELOPMENT?

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH NONE.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO OKAY SPECIFIC TO THE COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT OR THE CPA THAT'S DESCRIBED IN THIS BILL BETWEEN A PA AND A GUAM LICENSED PHYSICIAN. AS THE SUPERVISING POSITION, WHAT CPA LIKE ARRANGEMENT IS IN PLACE RIGHT NOW BETWEEN PAS AND THEIR SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN AND DO THESE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON AGREEMENTS IDENTIFY ALTERNATE PHYSICIANS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRIMARY PHYSICIAN RECOGNIZED UNDER THE CPA?

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH THAT ALREADY EXISTS IN ORDER FOR THE PA TO BE LICENSED ON GUAM THAT ALREADY EXISTS. THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE IS THAT YOU'RE MOVING. YOU'RE TAKING. WHAT SHOULD I SAY YOU CAN TAKING MY PEN WHICH IS UNCHANGED AND GIVE IT TO DR. EUSEBIO. THAT'S IT. YEAH. RIGHT. YEAH.

WILLIAM STANLEY IF I MAY ADDRESS THIS IS ISSUE DR. SHIEH EVERY TWO YEARS WHEN I RENEW MY LICENSE, I HAVE TO SUBMIT YOU KNOW OF COURSE THE APPLICATION TO RENEW THE LICENSE AND THEN I SUBMIT MOST RECENTLY 14 COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENTS. THEY'RE ALL PRETTY MUCH THE SAME. IT'S A BOILERPLATE DOCUMENT. IT'S ABOUT AN EIGHT-PAGE DOCUMENT THAT GOES OVER THINGS I CAN DO THINGS I CAN PRESCRIBE CONDITIONS I CAN TREAT AND IT'S SIGNED BY DR. DAI AS MY PRIMARY SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN DR. TAM AS MY SECONDARY SUPERVISING POSITION DR. AS MY THIRDENDARY AND FOURTHARY AND UP TO I HAVE HAD AS MUCH AS 14 SUPERVISING PHYSICIANS AND THAT IS BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE NATURE OF THE TYPE OF WORK WE DO. LAST NIGHT I WORKED WITH DR. TOM AND SO SHE WILL CO-SIGN ALL OF MY CHARTS FROM LAST NIGHT. TOMORROW MORNING, I WORKED WITH DR. FRICKLE AND SHE WILL CO-SIGN ALL OF MY CHARTS FROM TOMORROW. SO, I HAVE A SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN AT ALL TIMES BUT IT'S NOT THE SAME ONE ALL THE TIME. SO, THERE'S REALLY NOTHING NEW

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IN THIS LAW AS FAR AS HOW IT'S PERTAINING TO OUR SUPERVISORY OR COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS. IT ALL OF THIS IS IN PLACE RIGHT NOW THERE'S NOTHING NEW BEING CREATED IN THIS ONE.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO OKAY AND IF I CAN LET ME JUST ASK ONE MORE QUESTION AND I DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE ON THE PANEL CAN ANSWER BUT FOR THE RECORD HOW MANY NURSE PRACTITIONERS ARE AUTHORIZED IN GUAM TO PRESCRIBE MEDICATION AS PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND HOW DOES THE COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT FOR PAS THAT ARE OUTLINED IN BILL 123 COMPARED TO THE PRACTICE AGREEMENT ADOPTED LOCALLY FOR NURSE PRACTITIONERS?

DOCTOR RICARDO EUSEBIO I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT. I MEAN I'D HAVE TO LOOK IT UP BECAUSE AND I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT QUESTION TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE OF A NURSE PRACTITIONER AND A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BECAUSE CURRENTLY THE COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE ACTUALLY HAS TO GO THROUGH ALLIED HEALTH AND WITH NURSE PRACTITIONERS IS WITH THE NURSING BOARD. SO, I DON'T REALLY KNOW I HAVE TO LOOK AT BOTH OF THEM AND SEE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO THANK YOU DR. EUSEBIO YOU WANTED TO RESPOND?

WILLIAM STANLEY I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF FHP CLINIC, AND WE HAVE SEVERAL NURSE PRACTITIONERS WHO ARE WORKING THERE.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO SURE.

WILLIAM STANLEY AND YOU KNOW WE'RE COLLEAGUES. I'M ALSO VERY FAMILIAR WITH KEVIN HETOSIS WHO IS A NURSE PRACTITIONER WHO KIND OF AUTHOR AUTHORED THEIR LAW AND HELPED TO GET THEIR LAW INTO PLACE KEVIN, AND I HAVE BEEN FRIENDS A LONG TIME AND WE DISCUSS THIS SORT OF THING A LOT THE CURRENTLY NURSE PRACTITIONERS CAN PRESCRIBE ANY CATEGORY 2 THROUGH FIVE DRUG. THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE IS IN MY OPINION THEIR CHARTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE CO-SIGNED BY PHYSICIANS. NONE OF THEIR PRESCRIPTIONS ARE REQUIRED TO BE CO-SIGNED BY PHYSICIANS. IF THERE'S ANY REGULATORY OF AS FAR AS WHAT SPECIFICALLY THEY CAN PRESCRIBE IT IS WITHIN A COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT WHICH AS DR. EUSEBIO SAID THEIR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT IS UNDER THE NURSING BOARD AND THE BOARD OF PHARMACY. MY COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT IS UNDER THE ALLIED HEALTH BOARD AND ALSO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY AND I BELIEVE IT'S RUN BY THE MEDICAL BOARD AS WELL. THE COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT FOR INITIAL APPROVAL

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH YES. YEAH, THAT'S TRUE BECAUSE THE COLLABORATOR IS FOR THE PA

WILLIAM STANLEY YES SIR.

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DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE NURSE PRACTITIONERS, BUT I DON'T KNOW ANY NURSE PRACTITIONER THAT'S HAVE THEIR OWN PRIVATE PRACTICE. SO THAT TELLS YOU A LOT. THEY'RE STILL DEPENDENT. I GET CALL FROM NURSE PRACTITIONERS, "HEY DR SHIEH YOU KNOW THIS PATIENT IS BLEEDING. WHAT SHOULD I DO?" YOU KNOW I ALMOST EVERY DAY I GET SOME MESSAGES OR CALLS TO HELP THEM OUT. SO, THEY CAN'T TO ME YOU KNOW THERE'S A DISTINCT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE LEVEL OF EDUCATION EVEN BETWEEN A NURSE PRACTITIONER AND A PHYSICIAN.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO RIGHT.

DOCTOR RICARDO EUSEBIO THE COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENTS ARE SPECIALTY SPECIFIC SO THAT IT THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PA AND THE PHYSICIAN IS DEPENDENT UPON WHATEVER CLINICAL SPECIALTY THEY'RE IN. SO THAT A PA WHO IS LET'S SAY WORKING UNDER THE OSMOSIS OF AN ONCOLOGIST IS NOT GOING TO BE WORKING WITH A SURGEON. I MEAN THEIR PRACTICE ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH THAT'S CALLED THE ADVANCED PRACTITIONERS. RIGHT? NURSE PRACTITIONERS. EVEN MIDWIVES FOR EXAMPLE. I DON'T SEE THEY CAN GO OUT AND DO THEIR OWN THING BUT I DON'T SEE ANY MIDWIVES PRACTICING ON THEIR OWN AND THEY REALLY NEED THE OBGYN AS A BACKUP. SO ULTIMATELY THE PHYSICIAN IS ALWAYS ON THE TOP TIER AND WE ALWAYS SUPERVISING ALMOST EVERYBODY BELOW US.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE INPUT TODAY. I APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR THE TIME.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
THANK YOU SENATOR GUMATAOTAO. SENATOR ADA.

VICE SPEAKER ANTHONY ADA THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. I DON'T HAVE QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL, BUT I DO LIKE TO THANK THEM FOR COMING DOWN AND TESTIFYING ON THIS BILL. PERHAPS IN MARKUP THEY CAN REACH OUT AGAIN TO THE PHYSICIANS AND SEE HOW WE CAN STRENGTHEN THIS BILL TO MOVE IT FORWARD OR PERHAPS MAYBE DO ANOTHER VERSION OF THIS LEGISLATION AND SEE HOW IS IT THAT WE CAN COME TO I GUESS A HAPPY MEDIUM BETWEEN THE PHYSICIANS AND THE PHYSICIANS ASSISTANTS IN MOVING FORWARD WITH PUTTING A PIECE OF LEGISLATION FORWARD. BUT THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR FOR THAT. THANK YOU DOCTORS AND THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR BEING HERE.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
THANK YOU SENATOR ADA AND VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH. I KNOW YOU GUYS

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HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT, BUT YOU KNOW AS THE COMMITTEE CHAIR ON HEALTH I GUESS WE CAN AGREE TO PRACTICE COLLABORATION AND PERHAPS DR. SHIEH IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE GUAM MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. I'M NOT SURE IF YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS A POLICY OR SUBCOMMITTEE. AND IF SO IF THERE ARE RECOMMENDATIONS TO UPDATE AND IMPROVE SOME OF THE LAWS THAT GOVERN MEDICINE AND HEALTHCARE ON GUAM PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH YEAH, WE DO. ONE OF THEM THE MOST TALKED ABOUT ONE IS CSR.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
OKAY.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH WHICH WE CAN ALL AGREE ON THAT. THE TWO ONE IS THE APPOINTMENTS AND THE NOMINATIONS TO THE GUAM BOARD. AND IF YOU REALLY WANT A NON-BIASED BOARD THAT REALLY PROTECTS THE PUBLIC YOU GOT TO TAKE AWAY THAT POLITICAL INFLUENCE. AND THIS IS HOW THE CHALLENGE I ADMIRE THIS GUY FOR TAKING THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR JOB BECAUSE IT'S A CHALLENGE BECAUSE HE'S ALREADY ALWAYS POLITICALLY INFLUENCED. ALL RIGHT.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
THANK YOU DR. SHIEH. SENATOR TERLAJE, YOU MAY CLOSE.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE THANK YOU. YES. SO, COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD I AGREE THAT IF WE COULD REMOVE POLITICAL INFLUENCE THAT WOULD BE THE WAY TO GO SO, I WELCOME YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS. I DID LOOK AT THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD BASED ON OVERSIGHTS OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND WHEN THEY HAD A LARGE BACKLOG BEFORE THEY'VE REALLY CLEARED THAT UP A LOT RECENTLY. HOWEVER, WHEN I LOOKED AT BOARDS ACROSS THE NATION THERE ARE A LOT MORE BOARDS WITH A LOT MORE PUBLIC MEMBERS OR NON-PHYSICIAN MEMBERS ON THEIR BOARDS AND GUAM HAS ONE PUBLIC MEMBER THE REST WERE ALL PHYSICIANS. AND I'M THINKING WHILE YOU KNOW I CAN SEE THE CONCERN OF OTHER PEOPLE OTHER THAN PHYSICIANS ON YOUR BOARD. I THINK THAT'S BEEN DONE IN OTHER PLACES AND THAT TO HAVE A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ON THE BOARD AS OPPOSED TO JUST ANOTHER PUBLIC MEMBER IS ACTUALLY MORE IN LINE WITH YOU KNOW THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO HELP NOT, AND I CAN SEE THE DOCTORS ARE CONCERNED THAT PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ARE GOING TO BE AND GOVERNING OR JUDGING THEM AND SO

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH WELL LET ME ASK YOU THIS QUESTION

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE BUT

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DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH THE BOARD LET'S SAY FOR EXAMPLE HAS NINE BOARD MEMBERS RIGHT AND RIGHT NOW FIVE MDS FIVE PHYSICIANS CAN THE GOVERNOR ULTIMATELY APPOINT FIVE SIX PAS ON THE BOARD.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE NO NOT BY THIS LAW IT SAYS SIX PHYSICIANS

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH ONLY ONE.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE PARDON?

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH ONLY ONE.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE ONLY ONE.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH ONLY ONE, RIGHT?

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE YEAH ONLY ONE.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH RIGHT BUT WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER THAT OTHER NOMINATION COME FROM OTHER ARENAS FROM THE LEGISLATURE FOR ONE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM OR A SELF APPLICATION TO THE BOARD.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE YEAH.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH THAT'S SOMETHING THAT'S WHAT I'M ADDRESSING.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE NO, I AGREE. I TOLD YOU I AGREE WITH THAT. THAT'S JUST. YEAH. THAT'S SOMETHING WE CAN CONSIDER. I TOLD YOU WE CONSIDERED CHANGING IT TO INCREASE THE PUBLIC MEMBERS BECAUSE OF THE OUTCRY THAT WAS HAD IN THE PAST, BUT WE'VE KIND OF MOVED AWAY FROM THAT AND

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH RIGHT. RIGHT. BUT YOU GOT TO LIKE WHAT DR. EUSEBIO WAS SAYING IS THAT THE PRIMARY MISSION FOR THE GUAM BOARD IS NOT TO SAY, "WOW YOU KNOW I LIKE THIS DOCTOR THE PERSONALITY IS GOOD. HE'S VERY COMPASSIONATE," BUT THE FOCUS SHOULD BE A COMPETENCY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS BECAUSE WE'RE DEALING WITH PATIENT LIVES.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE ABSOLUTELY.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH AND IF PATIENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT HEALTH CARE YOU GOT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE WHO'S ON THE BOARD ARE WELL TRAINED THAT NOT A LAY PERSON THAT GOING IN THERE JUST BECAUSE THE PHYSICIAN IS LIKABLE AND THEY'RE PROVIDING THE LICENSE BUT TO REALLY GO INTO DETAILS OF THEIR TRAINING THEIR COMPETENCY THE HISTORY AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY CAN PROVIDE THE CARE TO THE STANDARD THAT THE PEOPLE EXPECT.

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DOCTOR RICARDO EUSEBIO SAFETY.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE YES. I AGREE. SAFET. I THINK THAT IS THE ALLIED HEALTH BOARD'S PRIMARY CONCERN WHY THEY WANT PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS WHO THEY FEEL THEY DO NOT HAVE THAT COMPETENCY TO BE REVIEWED BY THE MEDICAL BOARD AND IT'S REALLY I THINK AN ATTEMPT TO STRENGTHEN OVERSIGHT OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE PRACTICES AND MAKE THEM CONSISTENT YOU KNOW WITH THE STRENUOUS STRICT OVERSIGHT THAT IS BEING HAD IN MEDICAL PRACTICES OR SUPPOSED TO BE ACCORDING TO THE RULES. RIGHT? SO THAT'S I THINK THE GOAL. IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THAT'S THE STRICTEST STANDARD. WE WANT PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE TO BE UNDER THE STRICTEST STANDARDS.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH YEAH. AND I THINK YOU SHOULD

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE BY PEOPLE WHO ARE COMPETENT TO THAT.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH I THINK IT'S GOOD. IT'S GOOD TO HEAR THE LEGISLATURE WANT TO DO THAT. BUT YOU ALSO NEED TO HOLD THE PHYSICIAN TO THE STRICTEST STANDARDS. IF YOU WANT THE PA TO BE CERTIFIED YOU GOT TO MAKE SURE THE SUPERVISORY DOCTOR IS BOARD CERTIFIED TOO.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE OH. OH YES. I WILL REVIEW THAT IF THAT'S NOT REQUIRED BUT I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT THAT'S NOT A REQUIRED. I'M SURE IT IS.

DOCTOR RICARDO EUSEBIO NO. I DON'T. I THINK THAT'S NOT.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH NO IT'S NOT.

DOCTOR RICARDO EUSEBIO I THINK THAT'S A MISTAKE.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE WHAT?

DOCTOR RICARDO EUSEBIO THE ISSUE WITH BOARD CERTIFICATION HAS TO DO WITH PRIVILEGING IN THE HOSPITAL AND THAT BELONGS IN THE HOSPITAL PURVIEW. THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS GIVES A LICENSE FOR PHYSICIANS TO PRACTICE MEDICINE. THEY DON'T GIVE A LICENSE TO PRACTICE THEIR SPECIALTY. THEY GIVE A LICENSE TO PRACTICE THEIR MEDICINE PER SAY. PERIOD.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE YEAH. OKAY. THANK YOU. I'M GLAD YOU CLARIFIED THAT. THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT. SO THAT CERTIFICATION FOR PAS IS FROM THEIR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT CERTIFICATION BOARD. THEY TAKE AN EXAM THEY GET CERTIFIED, BUT THEY CAN REQUIRING THEM TO HAVE THAT.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH RIGHT BUT THEY CAN JUST PASS IT INITIALLY AND NOT HAVE TO BE CURRENTLY CERTIFIED. CORRECT?

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SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE BUT THEY DO EVERYTHING THAT GIVES THEM A CERTIFICATE THAT'S CURRENT. THEY TAKE THAT TO THE CURRENT LICENSING BOARD ON GUAM TO BE LICENSED ON GUAM. JUST LIKE PHYSICIANS MUST NO MATTER WHAT THEIR CERTIFICATIONS MIGHT BE THEY MUST BE LICENSED ON GUAM.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH NO TO BE CURRENT. TO BE CURRENT, YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH A PROCESS. AND THE THING IS EVERY 10 YEARS YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE AN EXAM.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE YES, MR. STANLEY.

WILLIAM STANLEY ACTUALLY IF I CAN CLARIFY THAT A LITTLE BIT. FIRST OFF, THE TERM BOARD CERTIFICATION IS NOT REALLY USED IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE BECAUSE AS DR EUSEBIO POINTS OUT YOU KNOW WE'RE NOT BOARD CERTIFIED IN A SPECIALTY. WE'RE LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN A MORE OF A GENERALITY. THERE IS SPECIALTY TRAINING GOING ON. THERE ARE RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PAS NOW. AND THERE ARE ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATE QUALIFICATIONS THAT YOU CAN ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN. BUT CURRENTLY THE NCCPA EXAM THAT WE TAKE ON GRADUATION FROM SCHOOL IS THE ONLY EXAM THAT ALLOWS YOU TO USE THE DESIGNATION PA-C. THE - C IS CERTIFICATION. THERE ARE A FEW STATES WHERE YOU CAN PRACTICE WITHOUT THE C. NORTH CAROLINA IS ONE I BELIEVE WHERE YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE PASSED THE NCCPA THEY HAVE OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE IN THAT STATE BUT FOR THE MOST PART MOST OF THE STATES AGREE AND ACCEPT THAT THE NCCPA EXAM IS WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO IN ORDER TO PRACTICE. YOU PASS IT INITIALLY ON GRADUATION AND THEN YOU HAVE TO RECERTIFY IT. IT USED TO BE EVERY SIX YEARS IT HAS JUST MOVED AS DR SHIEH POINTS OUT TO EVERY 10 YEARS. I'M CURRENTLY GOING THROUGH IT RIGHT NOW THEY HAVE A NEW VERSION OF IT WHERE INSTEAD OF SITTING DOWN FOR A SIX-HOUR EXAM AS I'VE DONE IN THE PAST NOW THEY HAVE A LONG-RANGE ASSESSMENT WHERE I PERFORM TESTING EVERY QUARTER FOR 25 QUESTIONS. I DO IT ONLINE AND THEN IT'S SENT BACK IN. IT'S A TWO-YEAR PROGRAM WHERE I WILL YOU KNOW FINISH IT LIKE NEXT YEAR DECEMBER BUT STILL THAT IS THE NCCPA EXAM THAT WILL ALLOW ME TO KEEP THE -ASH C ON MY SIGNATURE BLOCK.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. CAN YOU LOOK ON PAGE SIX OF THE BILL? SO PAGE SIX SAYS YOU MUST PASS THE EXAM FROM THE NCCPA.

WILLIAM STANLEY RIGHT

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE AND THEN NUMBER THREE SAYS HOLD A CURRENT CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE NCCPA IS THAT NECESSARY THEN? IS THERE A CERTIFICATE THAT THEY ISSUE AFTER YOU PASS THE EXAM? OKAY. CURRENT AND IT MIGHT BE CURRENT FOR SIX TO 10 YEARS SO WE'LL KEEP THAT IN.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH BUT TO KEEP IT CURRENT YOU HAVE TO DO.

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WILLIAM STANLEY YEAH.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH YOUR TRAININGS AND STUFF TOO.

WILLIAM STANLEY AND I DON'T. TO KEEP THAT CURRENT AND TO KEEP MY LICENSE ON GUAM AND MY NATIONAL CERTIFICATION I HAVE TO PASS THE NCCPA AT WHATEVER INTERVALS ARE REQUIRED. AND THIS IS MY FIRST TIME DOING IT ON THE 10-YEAR INTERVAL BUT I'VE DONE IT ON THE SIX YEAR UP TILL THEN AND YES, I WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE THAT CERTIFICATE TO THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS. AND I ALSO HAD TO PROVIDE THEM THE 50 HOURS OR 100 HOURS OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION CATEGORY 1 AND CATEGORY 2 ESSENTIALLY THE SAME CATEGORIES AS PHYSICIANS ARE REQUIRED. INCIDENTALLY THEY ALSO THEY ASK FOR THAT THE COURSEWORK THAT I TAKE TO RENEW MY LICENSE HAS TO BE AMA CERTIFIED OR AAPA CERTIFIED IN ORDER TO TO BE ACCEPTED.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH ABOUT A CME?

WILLIAM STANLEY YES SIR.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH YEAH.

WILLIAM STANLEY YEAH. YOU KNOW I'M ATTENDING A CME COURSE NEXT WEEK IN FLORIDA THAT'S GIVEN FOR EMERGENCY MEDICINE PHYSICIANS.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH YEAH.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH IS CORRECT THAT YOU KNOW BOARD CERTIFICATION IS HOSPITAL-BASED. IN HAWAII FOR EXAMPLE YOU CAN'T PRACTICE A CUPULANI WITHOUT BEING BOARD CERTIFIED. GUAM IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE RARE ONES THAT YOU CAN PRACTICE HERE WITHOUT BEING BOARD CERTIFIED IN THE IN THE HOSPITAL ACROSS THE COUNTRY IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY YOU HAVE TO BE BOARD CERTIFIED WITHIN A SIX-YEAR PERIOD FROM THE TIME YOU GRADUATE FROM RESIDENCY IF NOT THEY WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO PRACTICE.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE THE CHAIR IS OPEN IF THERE ARE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FOR REQUIRING THAT.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH WELL YOU KNOW THAT THAT'S GOING TO CAUSE A BIG UPROAR BECAUSE

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE BUT YEAH. ALL RIGHT. I APPRECIATE THAT. WE'RE NOT CHANGING THAT BY THIS BILL AT ALL. THAT'S NOT OUR INTENTION. SO, THIS BILL JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT PAS GET WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO PASS THAT EXAM AND GET THE CERTIFICATE THAT THEY PASS THE EXAM.

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DOCTOR RICARDO EUSEBIO OUR FOCUS IS ON GUAM TO TRY AND GET AS MANY PHYSICIANS AS WE CAN.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE YES.

DOCTOR RICARDO EUSEBIO SOME OF THE PHYSICIANS ARE NOT BOARD CERTIFIED BUT THERE ARE PHYSICIANS WHO ARE NOT BOARD CERTIFIED THAT ARE EXCELLENT. BOARD CERTIFICATION PER SAY DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE PHYSICIAN IS THE BEST. IT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT SAYS THAT YOU'RE GOOD BUT IT'S NOT THE ONLY THING THAT SAYS THAT YOU'RE GOOD. SOME OF THE PROBLEMS IS THAT SOME PHYSICIANS DID NOT DO ALL OF THEIR TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH LIMITS YOUR ABILITY TO TAKE THE BOARD CERTIFICATION. AND SO THAT'S PART OF THE PROBLEM I MEAN THERE ARE OTHERS WHO CAN'T WHO COULDN'T PASS THE EXAM OR WHATEVER BUT THE ISSUE IS BASICALLY THAT FOR US AS PEOPLE IN GUAM WHO DESERVE GOOD HEALTH CARE. WE NEED COMPETENT PHYSICIANS AND WHEN I SAY THAT I MEAN NOT NECESSARILY PHYSICIANS WHO ARE TRAINED IN THE UNITED STATES. I'M SAYING THAT WE NEED TO HAVE PHYSICIANS THAT CAN TAKE CARE OF PATIENTS SO THAT MY FEELING IS THAT WE NEED TO GET WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE PHYSICIANS AND NOT NECESSARILY SAY JUST BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T DO YOUR TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES, YOU'RE NOT GOOD. I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT PHYSICIANS AND SEE AND LET THEM DEMONSTRATE ARE THEY SAFE OR NOT SAFE AND THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO CREATE LAWS SO THAT WE ARE ABLE TO DETERMINE WHO'S A SAFE PHYSICIAN OR NOT AND I THINK THAT THAT NOW IS THE TIME.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE I APPRECIATE THAT. I HOPE YOU WILL HELP US DR. EUSEBIO.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH TO ADD TO THAT. TO ADD TO THAT YOU KNOW I GUESS WE'RE HAVING A ROUND TABLE NOW BUT TO ADD TO THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO ALLOW IF WE LOOK AT FOREIGN GRADUATES AND I'M FOR THAT BECAUSE I WANT TO RECRUIT OBGYNs OKAY AND I REFER PATIENTS TO THE PHILIPPINES TO ST LUKE'S AND THEY'RE TRAINED AND THEY'RE GOOD WE SEND PATIENT TO CARE FOR THEM. SO I'M OKAY TO SPONSOR SOMEBODY OVER IF THE LAW ON GUAM ALLOWS HIM TO PRACTICE WITHOUT BEING TRAINED IN THE UNITED STATES. NOW HE MAY GO BACK ON HIS WORD ON THAT.

DOCTOR RICARDO EUSEBIO THE LIMITING FACTOR QUITE HONESTLY. I'M NOT SURE IF YOU'RE AWARE BUT THE LIMITING FACTOR IS MEDICARE AND FEDERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS. MEDICARE WILL NOT REIMBURSE THE HOSPITAL IF THE PHYSICIAN THAT'S WORKING THERE TAKING CARE AND UTILIZING THAT MEDICARE IS NOT TRAINED DID NOT DO THEIR RESIDENCY IN THE UNITED STATES. THAT'S THE PROBLEM HOWEVER DOES NOT LIMIT US FOR TO GET PHYSICIANS WHO DO NOT USE MEDICARE LIKE OB PEDIATRICS SO THAT FREES US FROM THAT LIMITATION.

DOCTOR THOMAS SHIEH YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO, I LIKE TO WORK WITH THE LEGISLATURE IN INCREASING OBGYNs TO GUAM WHERE WE CAN MENTOR THEM BECAUSE I'M SUNSETTING HERE ON GUAM. YOU KNOW I'M GOING ON MY 30TH YEAR DR. EUSEBIO EVEN KNOWS ME.

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SO, IF WE CAN CREATE A LAW THAT ALLOWS LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE THE SPECIALISTS THAT WE NEED THAT MAY BE GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM SOME PEOPLE MAY BE AGAINST IT. IT'S OKAY BUT I'M FOR IT. THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR ALL THE ADDITIONAL IDEAS THAT YOU'VE PRESENTED TODAY THERE I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR. WE'RE NOT MAKING THOSE CHANGES IN THIS BILL, BUT WE WILL CONSIDER THAT I'M SURE THE HEALTH CHAIR IS TAKING NOTES HERE. BUT SO FOR THIS BILL IT'S REALLY JUST TO SEE WHAT WE THOUGHT WOULD BE A STRENGTHENING THE OVERSIGHT OVER PAS MAKING SURE THAT THEY'RE BEING GOVERNED BY PEOPLE WHO ARE COMPETENT TO REGULATE THAT WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PRESCRIBING DRUGS LIKE ONLY DOCTORS CAN DO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU KNOW THEY ARE LIKE WHAT THE SUPERVISING AGREEMENT SAYS THAT THEY ARE BEING STRICTLY SUPERVISED THAT THAT IS BEING ADHERED TO. THAT WE ARE IN AGREEMENT AS A STATE AS YOU SAID DIFFERENT STATES DO DIFFERENT THINGS THAT WE ARE IN AGREEMENT AS A STATE AS TO WHAT AUTHORITY THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN OR MAYBE IF IT CHANGES IN THE FUTURE THIS IS THE BOARD THAT SHOULD DECIDE THAT OR RECOMMEND THAT BECAUSE IT'S THAT SCOPE OF PRACTICE. IT'S THAT PRACTICING OF MEDICINE THAT REALLY AGAIN I THINK IT'S MORE FITTING UNDER YOUR BOARD THAN THE ALLIED HEALTH BOARD. ALTHOUGH I MEAN I KNOW YOU DESCRIBED COLLABORATION. I JUST THINK THAT'S REALLY IMPRACTICAL AT THIS TIME THEY ARE COMPLETELY STRAPPED FOR THEY'VE GOT 11 OR 13 IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY JURISDICTIONS AND BUT THIS ONE I FEEL THEY FELT WAS VERY CRITICAL BECAUSE OF THE MEDICAL NATURE OF WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND THE PATIENTS SO IT'S THIS RISK TO THE PATIENTS THAT WE WANT TO BE GOVERNED BY THE MEDICAL BOARD AND SO I WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THIS BILL WITH ALL OF YOU BUT THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR TESTIMONY VERY HELPFUL. SI YU'OS MA'ASE.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

AND AGAIN THANK YOU TO THE PANEL FOR BEING HERE MRS QUINATA MR STANLEY DR SHIEH AND DR EUSEBIO. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO COLLABORATING AS WELL WITH YOU AS WE TRY TO IMPROVE HEALTHCARE ON GUAM. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THE TIME NOW IS 4:39 IN THE AFTERNOON. THE PUBLIC HEARING ON BILL 123 AND BILL 100 IS NOW CONCLUDED. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 4:39 P.M.

III. Findings and Recommendations

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs finds that while the bill is a step forward in modernizing Guam's healthcare system, it warrants further refinement to address contradictory provisions and ensure clarity in regulatory guidelines. The committee recommends revisiting aspects of prescriptive authority, supervisory practices, and the role of physician assistants in relation to the board.

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collaborative approach seeks to uphold high medical standards while fostering a well-regulated healthcare environment for Guam.

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs hereby reports- out on **Bill No. 123-38 (COR)** As amended – Therese M. Terlaje - AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ON THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, UPDATING PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, AND ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS BY ADDING A NEW (10) AND (11) TO §12215 AND AMENDING 12101(r), (7) OF §12202(a), (7) AND (8) OF 12202(b), §12203(a) (1) TO (4), §121602, 121604, AND §121609, ALL OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED. With the recommendation **TO REPORT OUT ONLY.**

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 123-38 (COR)

Introduced by:

Therese M. Terlaje 

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ON THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, UPDATING PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, AND ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS BY ADDING A NEW (10) AND (11) TO §12215 AND AMENDING 12101(r), (7) OF §12202(a), (7) AND (8) OF 12202(b), §12203(a) (1) TO (4), AND §121609, ALL OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners was established to regulate and oversee the licensure of a wide range of allied health professionals, including acupuncture and oriental medicine, audiology, chiropractic, clinical psychology, counseling, marriage and family therapy, dietetics and nutrition, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language pathology, respiratory therapy, veterinary medicine, podiatry and physician assistant.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the Guam Board of Medical Examiners oversees the licensure and regulation of physicians, including medical doctors (MDs) and doctors of osteopathy (DOs). Its primary responsibility is ensuring the

1 competence and professional conduct of medical practitioners engaged in direct
2 patient care, diagnosis, treatment, surgery, and prescribing authority. The Board's
3 focus is on maintaining the highest medical standards to protect public health and
4 safety

5 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that physician assistants, who play an integral
6 role in delivering medical care, are currently licensed and regulated by the Guam
7 Board of Allied Health Examiners. However, their practice requires supervision by
8 a licensed physician, and their supervision agreements must also be approved by the
9 Guam Board of Medical Examiners. This dual oversight structure does not align with
10 national regulatory best practices, where physician assistants are typically regulated
11 by the same medical board that oversees their supervising physicians.

12 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that transferring the licensing and
13 regulation of physician assistants to the Guam Board of Medical Examiners will
14 create a more effective and streamlined regulatory framework. This transfer will
15 ensure that physician assistants are subject to the same medical standards and
16 oversight as their supervising physicians, eliminating unnecessary administrative
17 complexities and reinforcing patient safety.

18 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to transfer the licensure,
19 regulation, and oversight of physician assistants from the Guam Board of Allied
20 Health Examiners to the Guam Board of Medical Examiners. This change will
21 enhance regulatory efficiency, align with national best practices, and strengthen
22 Guam's healthcare system by ensuring physician assistants operate under a board
23 that specializes in medical practice.

24 **Section 2.** §12101(r) of Title 10, Chapter 12, Guam Code Annotated is hereby
25 *amended* to read:

26 “(r) Physician Assistants means a skilled individual nationally certified by
27 examination, administered by the National Certifying Commission for Physician

1 Assistants, as being qualified by practical and academic training to provide a specific
2 medical service delegated to him or her by a licensed physician or group of
3 physicians who is responsible for the performance of that physician assistant.
4 Licensure requirements, ~~and~~ scope of practice, and procedures ~~of governing the~~
5 practice for such individuals are to be promulgated by the Guam Board of ~~Allied~~
6 ~~Health Professionals~~ Medical Examiners.”

7 **Section 3.** Subsection (7) of § 12202(a) of Article 2 Chapter 12 Title 10 Guam
8 Code Annotated is amended to read as follows:

9 “(7) using the designation Doctor, Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathy,
10 Physician, Surgeon, Physician and Surgeon, Physician Assistant, Dr., M.D., D.O.,
11 P.A., or any combination thereof in the conduct of any occupation or profession
12 pertaining to the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of human disease or condition,
13 unless such a designation additionally contains the description of another branch of
14 the healing arts for which one holds a valid license in the jurisdiction.”

15 **Section 4.** Subsections (7) and (8) of § 12202(b) of Article 2 Chapter 12 Title
16 10 Guam Code Annotated are hereby amended to read:

17 “(7) those fully licensed to practice medicine, or as a physician assistant in
18 another jurisdiction of the United States who briefly render emergency medical
19 treatment or briefly provide critical medical service at the specific lawful direction
20 of a medical institution or Federal agency that assumes full responsibility for that
21 treatment or service and is approved by the state medical board.

22 (8) A licensed physician or physician assistant who resides outside of Guam
23 within a State, Federal jurisdiction or country is not subject to Guam medical
24 licensure requirements where said licensed physician is providing consultation to a
25 Guam licensed physician through the use of telemedicine technology if:

26 (A) the non-resident licensed consulting physician or physician assistant
27 operates no clinical practice or office on Guam;

1 (B) the non-resident licensed consulting physician or physician assistant does
2 not render any final written or otherwise documented final medical opinion
3 concerning the diagnosis or treatment of a patient on Guam directly to the patient;
4 and

5 (C) the non-resident licensed consulting physician or physician assistant does
6 not render any treatment to any patient on Guam.

7 (D) The non-resident licensed consulting physician or physician assistant may
8 render care and provide final diagnostic and treatment decisions without an active
9 Guam license if the consultant is to act as a receiving physician, podiatrist, or
10 physician assistant for the patient in the consultant's jurisdiction.

11 (E) The non-resident licensed consulting physician or physician assistant may
12 render care and provide diagnostic and treatment recommendations without an active
13 Guam license if the consulting physician or physician assistant acts jointly and
14 directly with the local attending physician or physician assistant of the patient who
15 is the subject of the consultation.

16 (F) The non-resident licensed consulting physician or physician assistant
17 rendering consultation shall abide by all local and federal laws with regard to patient
18 confidentiality.”

19 **Section 5.** Subsection (a) and subsections (a)(1)-(4) of § 12203 of Article 2
20 Chapter 12 Title 10, Guam Code Annotated are amended to read as follows:

21 “(a) There is established, in and for the government of Guam, a Guam Board
22 of Medical Examiners (~~BOARD~~) (Board) composed of ~~seven (7)~~ nine (9) members
23 who shall be nominated and appointed by *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*, with the advice
24 and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

25 (1) At least six (6) of the ~~seven (7)~~ nine (9) members shall be physicians,
26 Doctors of osteopathy, or surgeons licensed in Guam, one (1) shall be a physician
27 assistant licensed in Guam and one(1) shall be a podiatrist licensed in Guam. The

1 members of the Board who are licensed healthcare providers shall be persons of
2 recognized professional ability and integrity, and shall have practiced in Guam for
3 at least five (5) consecutive years immediately preceding the appointment.

4 (2) All members of the Board shall be citizens or permanent residents of the
5 United States who have resided in Guam for at least five (5) consecutive years
6 immediately preceding the appointment.

7 (3) One (1) of the physician board members shall be the Medical Director of
8 the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA); who meets the above criteria
9 otherwise.

10 (4) Provided that the initial members appointed under this Article,
11 appointments shall be made so that three (3) members of the Board, sitting or newly
12 appointed, shall serve for two (2) years, and four (4) members, sitting newly
13 appointed shall serve for a term of four (4) years, until a successor is appointed and
14 qualified.”

15 **Section 6.** § 121609 of Article 16 Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated
16 is hereby *amended*, to read as follows:

17 **“§121609. Prescriptive Authority for Physician Assistants.**

18 ~~A physician assistant may administer, prescribe and dispense any~~
19 ~~licensed drug in accordance with 12 GCA §12827 and in accordance to any~~
20 ~~other rules and regulation established by the Board.~~

21 (a) A physician assistant may be authorized by the Board of Medical Examiners to
22 administer, prescribe, and dispense any licensed drug or class of drugs as a delegated
23 authority of the physician assistant’s Collaborative Practice Agreement (“CPA”)
24 with a Guam licensed physician.

25 (b) To be licensed in Guam a physician assistant:

1 (1) shall be graduates of a program accredited by the Commission
2 on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) or its
3 successor organization;

4 (2) Have passed a proficiency examination developed by the
5 National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants
6 (NCCPA) or its successor; and

7 (3) Hold a current certificate issued by the NCCPA.

8 (c) To qualify for prescriptive authority, a physician assistant must have all
9 of the following:

10 (1) a valid Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”)
11 certification;

12 (2) a current Guam Control Substance Registration (CSR) from
13 Department of Public Health and Social Services; and

14 (3) a Collaborative Practice Agreement (CPA) approved by the
15 Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Pharmacy.

16 (d) “Collaborative Practice Agreement” or ‘CPA” means an agreement by
17 and between a physician assistant and a Guam licensed physician
18 (supervising physician) detailing the physician assistant’s authorized scope
19 of practice or area of specialty, wherein the parties to such an agreement
20 mutually agree, in writing, to the terms and conditions of the physician
21 assistant’s authority to administer, prescribe, and dispense Schedule Drugs
22 II - V. Alternate physicians shall be identified in the event of the
23 unavailability of the primary physician under the CPA.

24 (e) the physician assistant shall always have a physician available on the
25 premises, preferably the supervising physician signing the CPA, but an
26 alternate physician or physicians may be designated in the CPA to serve in
27 the supervising physician’s absence.

1 (f) The supervising physician and physician assistant shall submit a scope
2 of practice; list or class of drugs the physician assistant is authorized to
3 administer, prescribe, and dispense; and the CPA for approval by the Board
4 of Medical Examiners and Board of Pharmacy. The physician assistant shall
5 not include any drug on the list that he or she is not competent to prescribe
6 by education, training, and experience, nor shall the physician assistant
7 administer, order, or prescribe drugs that are not routinely administered
8 within the physician assistant's scope of practice. The Board of Medical
9 Examiners is authorized to amend the list of drugs.

10 (g) In the discretion of either the board of Medical Examiners or Board of
11 Pharmacy, the physician assistant and supervising physician may be
12 requested to appear and provide additional information or documentation in
13 aid of the board's evaluation of the applicant's qualifications for
14 prescriptive authority.

15 (h) Modification to any of the terms of the CPA including the identity of
16 the supervising physician shall be immediately reported to the boards for
17 their consideration and subject to both board's approval at the boards' next
18 available board meetings.

19 (i) The physician assistant's prescriptive authority shall be automatically
20 suspended or revoked for an invalid, suspended, or revoked Guam CSR or
21 federal DEA registration, and may be revoked for any violation of this Act
22 or the Board's rules and regulations.

23 (j) Prescriptive Authority shall be renewed at the time of licensure renewal."

24 **Section 7.** Transfer of Jurisdiction with Respect to the Licensing of Physician
25 Assistants from the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners to the Guam Board of
26 Medical Examiners.

1 (a) Jurisdiction with respect to the licensure and practice of physician
2 assistants presently located in Article 16 of Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
3 Annotated is transferred from the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners to the
4 Guam Board of Medical Examiners to be placed in Article 2 Chapter 12 Title 10,
5 Guam Code Annotated, to be codified as determined by the Compiler of Laws as
6 authorized by 1GCA § 1606.

7 (b) Subsections 12802(a) (8) of Article 8 Chapter 12 Title 10, Guam Code
8 Annotated, is transferred as new subsections (8) to § 12202 of Article 2, Chapter 12
9 Title 10, Guam Code Annotated and the remaining subsections of § 12802(a)
10 renumbered as determined by the Compiler of Laws as authorized by 1 GCA § 1606.

11 (c) All Guam statutes and administrative rules and regulations not specifically
12 identified or mentioned in this enactment which refer to the jurisdiction and authority
13 of the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners over the licensure, practice, and
14 discipline of physician assistants are amended to reflect the transfer of jurisdiction
15 from the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners to the Guam Board of Medical
16 Examiners, which shall henceforward perform all functions with respect to licensure,
17 discipline, rulemaking concerning these two professions formerly performed by the
18 Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.

19 **Section 8.** New subsections (10) and (11) are hereby added to § 12215(a)
20 within Article 2 Chapter 12 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, or to be placed as
21 the Compiler of Laws may determine as provided by 1 GCA § 1606, to read as
22 follows:

23 “(10) Physician Assistants shall be required to earn fifty (50) credit hours of
24 continuing education, or as may be otherwise established by law or rules and
25 regulations adopted by the Board of Medical Examiners in accordance with the
26 Administrative Adjudication Law. At least twenty (20) of these credit hours must be
27 in the licensee’s specific area of practice.

1 (11) The Board is authorized to prorate the continuing education credit hours
2 requirement for licenses issued less than two (2) years prior to the renewal period.”

3 **Section 9. Repeal of Administrative Rules and Regulations.** All references
4 to the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners found within any rules and
5 regulations presently located at Title 25 Guam Administrative Rules and Regulations
6 Chapter 10 of the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners administrative rules
7 governing the licensure, practice, and supervision of physician assistants, are
8 repealed.

9 **Section 10. Approval of Administrative Rules and Regulations.** The Guam
10 Board of Medical Examiners Administrative Rules and Regulations governing the
11 licensure and practice of physician assistants, attached hereto as Exhibit A, are
12 approved. GBME may repeal, amend, or add these rules pursuant to AAL.

13 **Section 11. Codes of Professional Conduct and Ethics.** The Guam Board
14 of Medical Examiners Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Physician
15 Assistants, attached hereto as Exhibit B, is approved. GBME may repeal, amend, or
16 add to these rules pursuant to 5 GCA Chapter 9 Administrative Adjudication Law
17 (AAL).

18 **Section 12. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
19 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall
20 not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect
21 without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
22 Act are severable.

23 **Section 13. Effective Date.** This Act shall become immediately effective
24 upon its enactment.

EXHIBIT A

Guam Board of Medical Examiners

RULES AND REGULATIONS for Physician Assistants

Health Professional Licensing Office
Department of Public Health & Social Services
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§ _____ **RULES APPLICABLE TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

§ _____. **Definitions – Physician Assistant**

(a) *Physician Assistant* means a Board licensed person, qualified by academic and practical training, who provides patient services under the direct supervision of a licensed physician. A physician assistant is not an independent practitioner. A physician assistant may provide any medical services delegated to him/her by a supervising physician or group of physicians when such services are within his/her skills, form a usual component of the physician's scope of practice, and are provided under the supervision of a supervising physician.

(b) *Board* means the Guam Board of Medical Examiners.

(c) *Direct Supervision of a Physician Assistant* means providing guidance of the services performed by the physician assistant. Supervision shall be continuous but shall not necessarily require the physical presence of the supervising physician at the time and place where the services are performed. The supervising physician must be available continuously for contact personally or by telephone or other electronic means.

(d) *Licensed Physician* means a physician currently licensed to practice medicine in Guam.

(e) *Supervising Physician* means a licensed physician who is registered by the Board to supervise a specific physician assistant.

§ _____. **Requirements for Licensure.**

(a) Licensed physician assistants must be graduates of a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHP) or its successor organization;

(b) Have passed a proficiency examination developed by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) or its successor; and

(c) Hold a current certificate issued by the NCCPA. If an applicant does not hold a current certificate issued by the NCCPA and has not actively practiced as a physician assistant within the immediately

preceding 4 years, the applicant must retake and successfully complete the entry-level examination of the NCCPA.

§ _____. RENEWAL OF LICENSE – PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

(a) Licenses expire biennially on December 31st of even numbered years and may be renewed upon payment of a renewal fee and proof of completion of continuing education requirements as stated in these rules and regulations. The Board staff shall, no later than September 1st of each even-numbered year, mail a notice of renewal along with a renewal form to the licensee's latest address on file with the Board. Failure of the Board staff to send renewal notices and forms does not excuse the licensee from failing to file the forms, documentation, and fees required to renew their license. A new certificate or other evidence of current licensure may be mailed to all persons completing renewal requirements as stated herein.

(b) An individual licensed on or after October 1 of the renewal year is not required to renew or provide proof of continuing education until the following renewal term.

(c) In addition to payment of required fees and proof of continuing education, additional documentation is required of the following allied health professionals:

- (1) *Physician Assistants* must, at the time of license renewal, present evidence of current certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, or its successor. Failure to maintain current certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants or its successor shall result in the automatic suspension of the Physician Assistant's license.
- (2) *Physician Assistants* must, at the time of license renewal, provide proof or otherwise certify that they possess a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation ("CPR") or Basic Life Support ("BLS"). Failure to maintain current CPR or BLS certification shall result in the automatic suspension of the Physician Assistant license.

§ _____. Registration of Physician Assistants Supervision.

(a) Prior to practicing on Guam, a licensed physician assistant shall present for approval of the Board a completed application as designated by the Board. The supervising physician shall specify the specialty areas in which the physician assistant shall provide services. Proposed changes of supervision registration must be approved by the Board. Not more than two currently licensed physician assistants may be supervised by a licensed physician.

(b) If no registered supervising physician is available to supervise the physician assistant, the physician assistant must not perform patient care activities.

§ _____. Identification.

(a) While working, the physician assistant shall wear or display appropriate identification, clearly indicating that he or she is a physician assistant. The physician assistant's license must be displayed in the office and any satellite operation in which he may function. A physician assistant may not advertise himself/herself in a manner that would mislead the patients of the supervising physician or the public.

(b) Any person not approved as required by these rules and regulations who holds himself or herself out as a physician assistant, or uses any other term to indicate or imply that he or she is a physician assistant, or acts as a physician assistant without having obtained the approval of the Board, is subject to penalties applicable to the unlicensed practice of medicine.

(c) The Board shall administer the provisions of this Act and enforce them with the aid of the Attorney General's Office.

§ _____. Scope of Practice.

(a) A physician assistant may provide any medical services delegated to him/her by a supervising physician or group of physicians when such services are within his/her skills, form a usual component of the physician's scope of practice, and are provided under the direct supervision of a supervising physician.

(b) Physician assistants with privileges or employed by a hospital or skilled nursing facility may, if permissible under the by-laws and rules

and regulations of such facility, write medical orders, including medications, tests, and treatments, for inpatients under the care of the supervising physician. In every case, such medical orders must be countersigned by the supervising physician or confirmed by telephone within twenty-four (24) hours.

(c) Licensed physician assistants shall not perform work in a medical specialty area in which they have not been trained or in which their supervising physician is not qualified.

(d) If no registered supervising physician is available to supervise the physician assistant, the physician assistant must not perform patient care activities.

§ _____. Supervision Required.

(a) Tasks performed by the physician assistant must be under the direct supervision of a licensed physician, registered by this Board to be the supervising physician.

(b) The Board shall keep a current register of licensed physician assistants and their supervising physicians; this register shall be available for public inspection.

(c) The supervising physician (or group of physicians) must provide written guidelines readily available at each site at which the physician assistant is practicing covering medical conditions commonly encountered and diagnostic and treatment protocols.

(d) All medical records must be reviewed and co-signed by the approved supervising physician within seven days.

(e) In the event of any changes of supervising physician, the names of the supervising physicians must be provided to the above boards. The Board must be notified at least ten (10) days prior to the effective date of change. Practicing without a supervising physician shall be grounds for disciplinary action, including revocation of license.

§ _____. Prescriptive Authority.

A physician assistant may administer, prescribe, and dispense any licensed drug other than Scheduled II-III drugs as provided by law.

EXHIBIT B

CODES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT & ETHICS

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12 otherwise.

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11 detailing the physician assistant’s authorized scope of practice or area of specialty,
12 wherein the parties to such an agreement mutually agree, in writing, to the terms and
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14 dispense Schedule Drugs II-V as allowed by the current rules and regulations of the
15 GBME. Alternate physicians shall be identified in the event of the unavailability of
16 the primary physician under the CPA.

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18 for approval of the Board of Allied Health Examiners and Board of Medical
19 Examiners a completed application for supervision by a Guam-licensed physician.
20 The practice of the physician assistant must fall within the practice of the supervising
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26 (c) The supervising physician and physician assistant shall submit a scope of
27 practice; list or class of drugs the physician assistant is authorized to administer,

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2 Examiners and Board of Pharmacy. The physician assistant shall not include any
3 drug on the list that he or she is not competent to prescribe by education, training,
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6 The Board of Medical Examiners is authorized to amend the list of drugs.

7 (d) In the discretion of either the board of Medical Examiners or Board of
8 Pharmacy, the physician assistant and supervising physician may be requested to
9 appear and provide additional information or documentation in aid of the board's
10 evaluation of the applicant's qualifications for prescriptive authority.

11 (e) Modification to any of the terms of the CPA including the identity of the
12 supervising physician shall be immediately reported to the boards for their
13 consideration and subject to both board's approval at the boards' next available
14 board meetings."

15 **Section 68.** § 121609 of Article 16 Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated is
16 hereby *amended*, to read as follows:

17 **"§121609. Prescriptive Authority for Physician Assistants.**

18 ~~A physician assistant may administer, prescribe and dispense any~~
19 ~~licensed drug in accordance with 12 GCA §12827 and in accordance to any~~
20 ~~other rules and regulation established by the Board.~~

21 (a) A physician assistant may be authorized by the Board of Medical
22 Examiners to administer, prescribe, and dispense any licensed drug or class of drugs
23 as a delegated authority of the physician assistant's Collaborative Practice
24 Agreement ("CPA") with a Guam licensed physician.

25 (b) To qualify for prescriptive authority, a physician assistant must have all
26 of the following:

1 (1) a valid Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”)
2 certification;

3 (2) a current Guam Control Substance Registration (CSR) from
4 Department of Public Health and Social Services; and

5 (2) a Collaborative Practice Agreement (CPA) approved by the
6 Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Pharmacy.

7 (c) The physician assistant’s prescriptive authority shall be automatically
8 suspended or revoked for an invalid, suspended, or revoked Guam CSR or
9 federal DEA registration, and may be revoked for any violation of this Act
10 or the Board’s rules and regulations.

11 (d) Prescriptive Authority shall be renewed at the time of licensure renewal.”

12 **Section 9.** Transfer of Jurisdiction with Respect to the Licensing of Physician
13 Assistants from the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners to the Guam Board of
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15 (a) Jurisdiction with respect to the licensure and practice of physician
16 assistants presently located in Article 16 of Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
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5 (AAL).

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8 not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect
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10 Act are severable.

11 **Section 15. Effective Date.** This Act shall become immediately effective
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7 (C) the non-resident licensed consulting physician or physician assistant does
8 not render any treatment to any patient on Guam.

9 (D) The non-resident licensed consulting physician or physician assistant may
10 render care and provide final diagnostic and treatment decisions without an active
11 Guam license if the consultant is to act as a receiving physician, podiatrist, or
12 physician assistant for the patient in the consultant's jurisdiction.

13 (E) The non-resident licensed consulting physician or physician assistant may
14 render care and provide diagnostic and treatment recommendations without an active
15 Guam license if the consulting physician or physician assistant acts jointly and
16 directly with the local attending physician or physician assistant of the patient who
17 is the subject of the consultation.

18 (F) The non-resident licensed consulting physician or physician assistant
19 rendering consultation shall abide by all local and federal laws with regard to patient
20 confidentiality.”

21 **Section 5.** Subsection (a) and subsections (a)(1)-(4) of § 12203 of Article 2
22 Chapter 12 Title 10, Guam Code Annotated are amended to read as follows:

23 “(a) There is established, in and for the government of Guam, a Guam Board
24 of Medical Examiners (~~BOARD~~) (Board) composed of ~~seven (7)~~ nine (9) members
25 who shall be nominated and appointed by *I Maga'lahañ Guåhan*, with the advice
26 and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

(1) At least six (6) of the ~~seven (7)~~ nine (9) members shall be physicians, Doctors of osteopathy, or surgeons licensed in Guam, one (1) shall be a physician assistant licensed in Guam and one(1) shall be a podiatrist licensed in Guam. The members of the Board who are licensed healthcare providers shall be persons of recognized professional ability and integrity, and shall have practiced in Guam for at least five (5) consecutive years immediately preceding the appointment.

(2) All members of the Board shall be citizens or permanent residents of the United States who have resided in Guam for at least five (5) consecutive years immediately preceding the appointment.

(3) One (1) of the physician board members shall be the Medical Director of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA); who meets the above criteria otherwise.

(4) Provided that the initial members appointed under this Article, appointments shall be made so that three (3) members of the Board, sitting or newly appointed, shall serve for two (2) years, and four (4) members, sitting newly appointed shall serve for a term of four (4) years, until a successor is appointed and qualified.”

Section 6. §121602 of Article 16, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated is hereby amended, to read as follows:

“§ 121602. Qualifications for Licensure

(a) Licensed physician assistants ~~must~~ shall be graduates of programs approved by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) or its successor organization; ~~Examining Committee (PAEC)~~ from an institution accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA).

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1 (b) Licensed physician assistants must have passed a proficiency examination
2 developed by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants
3 (NCCPA) , or its successor;and;

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4 (c) Hold a current certificate issued by the NCCPA.

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6 Section 7. §121604 of Article 16, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated
7 is hereby amended, to read as follows:

8 **“§ 121604. Registration of Physician Assistant’s Supervision.**

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9 (a) “Collaborative Practice Agreement” or “CPA” means an agreement by and
10 between a physician assistant and a Guam licensed physician(supervising physician)
11 detailing the physician assistant’s authorized scope of practice or area of specialty,
12 wherein the parties to such an agreement mutually agree, in writing, to the terms and
13 conditions of the physician assistant’s authority to administer, prescribe, and
14 dispense Schedule Drugs II-V as allowed by the current rules and regulations of the
15 GBME. Alternate physicians shall be identified in the event of the unavailability of
16 the primary physician under the CPA.

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17 (b) Prior to practicing on Guam, the licensed physician assistant shall present
18 for approval of the Board of Allied Health Examiners and Board of Medical
19 Examiners a completed application for supervision by a Guam-licensed physician.
20 The practice of the physician assistant must fall within the practice of the supervising
21 physician with whom the physician assistant is registered. In the event of any
22 changes of supervising physician, the names of the supervising physicians must be
23 provided to the above boards. The Board must be notified at least ten (10) days prior
24 to the effective date of change. Practicing without a supervising physician shall be
25 grounds for disciplinary action, including revocation of license.

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26 (c) The supervising physician and physician assistant shall submit a scope of
27 practice; list or class of drugs the physician assistant is authorized to administer.

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1 prescribe, and dispense; and the CPA for approval by the Board of Medical
2 Examiners and Board of Pharmacy. The physician assistant shall not include any
3 drug on the list that he or she is not competent to prescribe by education, training,
4 and experience, nor shall the physician assistant administer, order, or prescribe drugs
5 that are not routinely administered within the physician assistant's scope of practice.
6 The Board of Medical Examiners is authorized to amend the list of drugs.

7 (d) In the discretion of either the board of Medical Examiners or Board of
8 Pharmacy, the physician assistant and supervising physician may be requested to
9 appear and provide additional information or documentation in aid of the board's
10 evaluation of the applicant's qualifications for prescriptive authority.

11 (e) Modification to any of the terms of the CPA including the identity of the
12 supervising physician shall be immediately reported to the boards for their
13 consideration and subject to both board's approval at the boards' next available
14 board meetings."

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16 ~~Section 68.~~ § 121609 of Article 16 Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated is
17 hereby *amended*, to read as follows:

18 **"§121609. Prescriptive Authority for Physician Assistants.**

19 ~~A physician assistant may administer, prescribe and dispense any~~
20 ~~licensed drug in accordance with 12-GCA §12827 and in accordance to any~~
21 ~~other rules and regulation established by the Board.~~

22 (a) A physician assistant may be authorized by the Board of Medical
23 Examiners to administer, prescribe, and dispense any licensed drug or class of drugs
24 as a delegated authority of the physician assistant's Collaborative Practice
25 Agreement ("CPA") with a Guam licensed physician.

26 ~~(b) To be licensed in Guam a physician assistant:~~

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1 (1) shall be graduates of a program accredited by the Commission
2 on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) or its
3 successor organization;

4 (2) Have passed a proficiency examination developed by the
5 National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants
6 (NCCPA) or its successor; and

7 ~~(3) Hold a current certificate issued by the NCCPA.~~

8 (eb) To qualify for prescriptive authority, a physician assistant must have
9 all of the following:

10 (1) a valid Federal Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA")
11 certification;

12 (2) a current Guam Control Substance Registration (CSR) from
13 Department of Public Health and Social Services; and

14 ~~(323) a Collaborative Practice Agreement (CPA) approved by the~~
15 Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Pharmacy.

16 ~~(d) "Collaborative Practice Agreement" or "CPA" means an agreement by~~
17 ~~and between a physician assistant and a Guam licensed physician~~
18 ~~(supervising physician) detailing the physician assistant's authorized scope~~
19 ~~of practice or area of specialty, wherein the parties to such an agreement~~
20 ~~mutually agree, in writing, to the terms and conditions of the physician~~
21 ~~assistant's authority to administer, prescribe, and dispense Schedule Drugs~~
22 ~~II – V. Alternate physicians shall be identified in the event of the~~
23 ~~unavailability of the primary physician under the CPA.~~

24 ~~(e) the physician assistant shall always have a physician available on the~~
25 ~~premises, preferably the supervising physician signing the CPA, but an~~
26 ~~alternate physician or physicians may be designated in the CPA to serve in~~
27 ~~the supervising physician's absence.~~

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1 ~~(f) The supervising physician and physician assistant shall submit a scope~~
2 ~~of practice; list or class of drugs the physician assistant is authorized to~~
3 ~~administer, prescribe, and dispense; and the CPA for approval by the Board~~
4 ~~of Medical Examiners and Board of Pharmacy. The physician assistant shall~~
5 ~~not include any drug on the list that he or she is not competent to prescribe~~
6 ~~by education, training, and experience, nor shall the physician assistant~~
7 ~~administer, order, or prescribe drugs that are not routinely administered~~
8 ~~within the physician assistant's scope of practice. The Board of Medical~~
9 ~~Examiners is authorized to amend the list of drugs.~~

10 ~~(g) In the discretion of either the board of Medical Examiners or Board of~~
11 ~~Pharmacy, the physician assistant and supervising physician may be~~
12 ~~requested to appear and provide additional information or documentation in~~
13 ~~aid of the board's evaluation of the applicant's qualifications for~~
14 ~~prescriptive authority.~~

15 ~~(h) Modification to any of the terms of the CPA including the identity of~~
16 ~~the supervising physician shall be immediately reported to the boards for~~
17 ~~their consideration and subject to both board's approval at the boards' next~~
18 ~~available board meetings.~~

19 ~~(ic) The physician assistant's prescriptive authority shall be automatically~~
20 ~~suspended or revoked for an invalid, suspended, or revoked Guam CSR or~~
21 ~~federal DEA registration, and may be revoked for any violation of this Act~~
22 ~~or the Board's rules and regulations.~~

23 ~~(jd) Prescriptive Authority shall be renewed at the time of licensure renewal."~~

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24 **Section 79.** Transfer of Jurisdiction with Respect to the Licensing of
25 Physician Assistants from the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners to the Guam
26 Board of Medical Examiners.

1 (a) Jurisdiction with respect to the licensure and practice of physician
2 assistants presently located in Article 16 of Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
3 Annotated is transferred from the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners to the
4 Guam Board of Medical Examiners to be placed in Article 2 Chapter 12 Title 10,
5 Guam Code Annotated, to be codified as determined by the Compiler of Laws as
6 authorized by 1GCA § 1606.

7 (b) Subsections 12802(a) (8) of Article 8 Chapter 12 Title 10, Guam Code
8 Annotated, is transferred as new subsections (8) to § 12202 of Article 2, Chapter 12
9 Title 10, Guam Code Annotated and the remaining subsections of § 12802(a)
10 renumbered as determined by the Compiler of Laws as authorized by 1 GCA § 1606.

11 (c) All Guam statutes and administrative rules and regulations not specifically
12 identified or mentioned in this enactment which refer to the jurisdiction and authority
13 of the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners over the licensure, practice, and
14 discipline of physician assistants are amended to reflect the transfer of jurisdiction
15 from the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners to the Guam Board of Medical
16 Examiners, which shall henceforward perform all functions with respect to licensure,
17 discipline, rulemaking concerning these two professions formerly performed by the
18 Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.

19 **Section 810.** New subsections (10) and (11) are hereby added to § 12215(a)
20 within Article 2 Chapter 12 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, or to be placed as
21 the Compiler of Laws may determine as provided by 1 GCA § 1606, to read as
22 follows:

23 “(10) Physician Assistants shall be required to earn fifty (50) credit hours of
24 continuing education, or as may be otherwise established by law or rules and
25 regulations adopted by the Board of Medical Examiners in accordance with the
26 Administrative Adjudication Law. At least twenty (20) of these credit hours must be
27 in the licensee’s specific area of practice.

1 (11) The Board is authorized to prorate the continuing education credit hours
2 requirement for licenses issued less than two (2) years prior to the renewal period.”

3 **Section ~~119~~. Repeal of Administrative Rules and Regulations.** All
4 references to the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners found within any rules
5 and regulations presently located at Title 25 Guam Administrative Rules and
6 Regulations Chapter 10 of the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners
7 administrative rules governing the licensure, practice, and supervision of physician
8 assistants, are repealed.

9 **Section ~~1210~~. Approval of Administrative Rules and Regulations.** The
10 Guam Board of Medical Examiners Administrative Rules and Regulations
11 governing the licensure and practice of physician assistants, attached hereto as
12 Exhibit A, are approved. GBME may repeal, amend, or add these rules pursuant to
13 AAL.

14 **Section ~~1311~~. Codes of Professional Conduct and Ethics.** The Guam Board
15 of Medical Examiners Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Physician
16 Assistants, attached hereto as Exhibit B, is approved. GBME may repeal, amend, or
17 add to these rules pursuant to 5 GCA Chapter 9 Administrative Adjudication Law
18 (AAL).

19 **Section ~~1412~~. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to
20 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity
21 shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect
22 without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
23 Act are severable.

24 **Section ~~1513~~. Effective Date.** This Act shall become immediately effective
25 upon its enactment.

EXHIBIT A

Guam Board of Medical Examiners RULES AND REGULATIONS for Physician Assistants

Health Professional Licensing Office
Department of Public Health & Social Services
194 Hernan Cortez Avenue, Suite 213

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Tel: (671) 735-740

§ _____ **RULES APPLICABLE TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

§ _____. **Definitions – Physician Assistant**

(a) *Physician Assistant* means a Board licensed person, qualified by academic and practical training, who provides patient services under the direct supervision of a licensed physician. A physician assistant is not an independent practitioner. A physician assistant may provide any medical services delegated to him/her by a supervising physician or group of physicians when such services are within his/her skills, form a usual component of the physician's scope of practice, and are provided under the supervision of a supervising physician.

(b) *Board* means the Guam Board of Medical Examiners.

(c) *Direct Supervision of a Physician Assistant* means providing guidance of the services performed by the physician assistant. Supervision shall be continuous but shall not necessarily require the physical presence of the supervising physician at the time and place where the services are performed. The supervising physician must be available continuously for contact personally or by telephone or other electronic means.

(d) *Licensed Physician* means a physician currently licensed to practice medicine in Guam.

(e) *Supervising Physician* means a licensed physician who is registered by the Board to supervise a specific physician assistant.

§ _____. **Requirements for Licensure.**

(a) Licensed physician assistants ~~must~~ shall be graduates of a program accredited by the Accredited Review Commission on Education for Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) or its successor organization ~~Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHP) or its successor organization;~~

(b) Have passed a proficiency examination developed by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) or its successor; and

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(c) Hold a current certificate issued by the NCCPA. ~~If an applicant does not hold a current certificate issued by the NCCPA and has not actively practiced as a physician assistant within the immediately preceding 4 years, the applicant must retake and successfully complete the entry level examination of the NCCPA.~~

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§ _____. **RENEWAL OF LICENSE – PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

(a) Licenses expire biennially on December 31st of even numbered years and may be renewed upon payment of a renewal fee and proof of completion of continuing education requirements as stated in these rules and regulations. The Board staff shall, no later than September 1st of each even-numbered year, mail a notice of renewal along with a renewal form to the licensee's latest address on file with the Board. Failure of the Board staff to send renewal notices and forms does not excuse the licensee from failing to file the forms, documentation, and fees required to renew their license. A new certificate or other evidence of current licensure may be mailed to all persons completing renewal requirements as stated herein.

(b) An individual licensed on or after October 1 of the renewal year is not required to renew or provide proof of continuing education until the following renewal term.

(c) In addition to payment of required fees and proof of continuing education, additional documentation is required of the following allied health professionals:

- (1) *Physician Assistants* must, at the time of license renewal, present evidence of current certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, or its successor. Failure to maintain current certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants or its successor shall result in the automatic suspension of the Physician Assistant's license.
- (2) *Physician Assistants* must, at the time of license renewal, provide proof or otherwise certify that they possess a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation ("CPR") or Basic Life Support ("BLS"). Failure to maintain current CPR or BLS certification shall result in

the automatic suspension of the Physician Assistant license.

§ _____. Registration of Physician Assistants Supervision.

(a) Prior to practicing on Guam, a licensed physician assistant shall present for approval of the Board a completed application as designated by the Board. The supervising physician shall specify the specialty areas in which the physician assistant shall provide services. Proposed changes of supervision registration must be approved by the Board. Not more than two currently licensed physician assistants may be supervised by a licensed physician.

(b) If no registered supervising physician is available to supervise the physician assistant, the physician assistant must not perform patient care activities.

§ _____. Identification.

(a) While working, the physician assistant shall wear or display appropriate identification, clearly indicating that he or she is a physician assistant. The physician assistant's license must be displayed in the office and any satellite operation in which he may function. A physician assistant may not advertise himself/herself in a manner that would mislead the patients of the supervising physician or the public.

(b) Any person not approved as required by these rules and regulations who holds himself or herself out as a physician assistant, or uses any other term to indicate or imply that he or she is a physician assistant, or acts as a physician assistant without having obtained the approval of the Board, is subject to penalties applicable to the unlicensed practice of medicine.

(c) The Board shall administer the provisions of this Act and enforce them with the aid of the Attorney General's Office.

§ _____. Scope of Practice.

(a) A physician assistant may provide any medical services delegated to him/her by a supervising physician or group of physicians when such services are within his/her skills, form a usual component of

the physician's scope of practice, and are provided under the direct supervision of a supervising physician.

(b) Physician assistants with privileges or employed by a hospital or skilled nursing facility may, if permissible under the by-laws and rules and regulations of such facility, write medical orders, including medications, tests, and treatments, for inpatients under the care of the supervising physician. In every case, such medical orders must be countersigned by the supervising physician or confirmed by telephone within twenty-four (24) hours.

(c) Licensed physician assistants shall not perform work in a medical specialty area in which they have not been trained or in which their supervising physician is not qualified.

(d) If no registered supervising physician is available to supervise the physician assistant, the physician assistant must not perform patient care activities.

§ _____. Supervision Required.

(a) Tasks performed by the physician assistant must be under the direct supervision of a licensed physician, registered by this Board to be the supervising physician.

(b) The Board shall keep a current register of licensed physician assistants and their supervising physicians; this register shall be available for public inspection.

(c) The supervising physician (or group of physicians) must provide written guidelines readily available at each site at which the physician assistant is practicing covering medical conditions commonly encountered and diagnostic and treatment protocols.

(d) All medical records must be reviewed and co-signed by the approved supervising physician within seven days.

(e) In the event of any changes of supervising physician, the names of the supervising physicians must be provided to the above boards. The Board must be notified at least ten (10) days prior to the effective date of change. Practicing without a supervising physician shall be grounds for disciplinary action, including revocation of license.

§ _____. Prescriptive Authority.

A physician assistant may administer, prescribe, and dispense any licensed drug other than Scheduled II-III drugs as provided by law.

EXHIBIT B

CODES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT & ETHICS

Health Professional Licensing Office

Department of Public Health & Social Services
194 Hernan Cortez Avenue, Suite 213
Hagåtña, Guam 96910
Tel: (671) 735-7405

§ _____. **CODES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT & ETHICS**

(a) **DOCTORS OF MEDICINE; DOCTORS OF OSTEOPATHY. [RESERVED]**

(b) **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.** The Codes of Professional Conduct for Physician Assistants licensed by the Board shall be the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) Code of Conduct for Certified and Certifying Physician Assistants (PAs) and PAs with the PA-C Emeritus Designation (last revised November 2019), to include the NCCPA Policies and Procedures for PA Disciplinary Matters (last revised August 2019) as adopted as of the effective dates of these rules, and any revisions made hereafter thereto; and the Guidelines for Ethical Conduct for the Physician Assistant Profession (2013) as adopted as of the effective dates of these rules, and any revisions made hereafter thereto. These Rules shall be known as the Codes of Professional Conduct for Physician Assistants and by reference thereto shall have the full force and effect of a regulation of the Board. In the event of a conflict between the Codes of Professional Conduct for Physician Assistants and any statute enacted by the Guam Legislature or any rule promulgated by this Board the more recent in time statute or rule shall control.

~~(c) **PODIATRY.** The Code of Professional Conduct for Podiatrists licensed by the Board shall be the American Podiatric Medical Association—Code of Ethics (2013) as adopted as of the effective dates of these rules, and any revisions made hereafter thereto. These Rules shall be known as the Code of Professional Conduct for Podiatrist and by reference thereto shall have the full force and effect of a regulation of the Board. In the event of a conflict between the Code of Professional Conduct for Podiatrist and any statute enacted by the Guam Legislature or any rule promulgated by this Board the more recent in time statute or rule shall control.~~

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COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson
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38th Guam Legislature

May 2, 2025

To: **Rennae V. C. Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

From: **Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: **Fiscal Note for Bill No. 123-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 123-38 (COR).

I also request that the same be sent to the respective Chairperson of the Standing Committee, to which this bill has been referred. Kindly copy the same to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.



Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 123-38 (COR)

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ON THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, AND TO ADOPT RULE AND RUGLATIONS AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS BY ADDING A NEW (10) AND (11) OF §12215 AND AMENDING (7) TO §12202(a), (7) AND (8) TO 12202(b), AND §12203(a) (1) TO (4), ALL OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Department of Public Health & Social Services	Dept./Agency Head: Theresa C Arriola, Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date: Operations (\$58,150,402); Health Insurance Premiums for Foster Children (\$2,359,215); Child Protective Services Program (\$2,220,129); Bureau of Social Services Administration (\$7,558,215); Miscellaneous Appropriation for Grants for Homelessness (\$500,000)	\$70,787,961
Department's Other Fund appropriation(s) to date: Environmental Health Fund (\$1,415,223); Health Professional Licensing Office Revolving Fund (\$338,801); Office of Vital Statistics Revolving Fund (\$225,014); DPHSS Sanitary Inspection Revolving Fund (\$424,986); Healthy Futures Fund for Guam Cancer Registry (\$389,144)	\$2,793,168
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$73,581,129

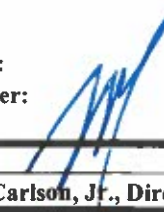
Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation

	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2024 Unreserved Fund Balance		\$0	\$0
FY 2025 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2025 Appro. (P.L. 37-125)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill

	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2025 (if applicable)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total 1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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| 1. Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? | / / Yes | / X / No |
| If Yes, see attachment | | |
| 2. Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? | / X / N/A | / / Yes |
| If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ _____ | / X / N/A | / / No |
| 3. Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? | / / Yes | / X / No |
| If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? | / X / N/A | / / Yes |
| Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? | / / Yes | / X / No |
| 4. Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? | / / Yes | / X / No |
| 5. Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate reason: | / X / Yes | / / No |
| / X / Requested agency comments not received by due date | / / Other: | |

Analyst:  Tyler Bautista, BMA II	Date: <u>04/29/2025</u>	Director:  Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director	Date: <u>MAY 02 2025</u>
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Notes:
 1/ See attached comments.

BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH
COMMENTS ON BILL NO. 123-38 (COR)

The proposed legislation intends to add a new (10) and (11) of §12215 and amend 12101(r), (7) to §12202(a), (7) and (8) to §12202(b), §12203(a) (1) to (4), and §121609 all of Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated relative to including physician assistants under the purview of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners. In addition, the proposed legislation seeks to update the prescriptive authority of the physician assistants. Currently, physician assistants are regulated by the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners; however, require the supervision of a licensed physician and their supervision agreements must be approved by the Guam Board of Medical Examiners. The proposed legislation seeks to streamline the regulatory framework for the licensing and regulation of physician assistants.

The proposed legislation seeks to establish a framework of prescriptive authority for physician assistants, by amending §121609. Physician assistants may be authorized to administer, prescribe, and dispense any licensed drug or class of drugs as a delegated authority under the supervising licensed physicians Collaborative Practice Agreement (CPA). Further, the proposed legislation mandates that all physician assistants must be graduates of a program accredited by the Commission on Education for Physician Assistant, pass a proficiency exam developed by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA), and hold a current certificate issued by the NCCPA. Further, the physician assistants are required to obtain the following:

- 1) A valid Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) certification;
- 2) A current Guam control Substance Registration (CSR) from the Department of Public Health and Social Services; and,
- 3) A CPA approved by the Guam Board of Medical Examiners.

Should the physician assistants not obtain or renew the above certification, or violates any section of the proposed legislation, the prescriptive authority shall be automatically suspended or revoked.

The proposed legislation seeks to amend the number of board members from seven (7) to nine (9) members. There is a nominal cost impact associated with this, as the board members receive stipends on a monthly basis. The estimated cost impact relative to the additional board stipends would be an additional **\$1,200** for one (1) full fiscal year (\$50 stipend per month, per board member).

The proposed legislation mandates that physician assistants are required to earn fifty (50) credit hours of continuing education, or as may be otherwise established by law or rules and regulations adopted by the Guam Board of Medical Examiners in accordance with the Administrative Adjudication Law; however, at least twenty (20) hours of the credit hours must be in the licensee's specific area of practice. Further, the proposed legislation authorizes the Board to prorate the continuing education credit hour requirements for licenses issued less than two (2) years prior to the renewal period. Lastly, the proposed legislation seeks to repeal the administrative rules and regulations under the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners governing the regulations of physician assistants.

Although mainly administrative in nature, the proposed legislation mandates that the Guam Board of Medical Examiners, rather than the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners, promulgate rules and regulations, inclusive of a code of ethics, for the licensure requirements, scope of practice, and procedures governing the practice of physician assistants. Absent pertinent information from the DPHSS relative to the

administrative costs associated with the implementation of the promulgated rules, regulations, and code of ethics for Physician Assistants, the Bureau is unable to determine a fiscal impact at this time.

The Bureau notes that with the exception of the provisions contained in Section 6 relative to the Prescriptive Authority for Physician Assistants, this proposed legislation contains the same provisions in Bill No. 120-38 (COR).