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The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco  
Speaker  
Mina Bente Kulltro na Libeslaturnan Guåhan  
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature  
Guam Legislature Temporary Building  
155 Healer Street  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find Bill No. 596 (COR). "AN ACT TO ADD §3201.1 AND TO REPEAL AND REENACT §80113.1, BOTH OF TITLE 10 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REESTABLISHING THE GUAM CANCER REGISTRY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES." which I have signed into law today as Public Law No. 24-198.

Cancer is noted to be the second leading cause of death on Guam. In order to monitor this disease, a cancer registry is much needed to gather the necessary information which may lead to more effective treatments, as well as locating possible causes of the disease. For example, it was pointed out that nasopharyngeal cavity cancer and liver cancer are extremely high on Guam.

These statistics will be gathered with the assistance of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority and kept at the Division of Public Health, Office of Epidemiology, Department of Public Health and Social Services. This department also keeps vital statistics and is familiar with this type of record keeping. An epidemiologist will be charged with analyzing this data and making reports of the findings.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]  
Carl T. C. Gutierrez  
I Maga'lahen Guåhan  
Governor of Guam

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Attachment: copy attached for signed bill  
original attached for vetoed bill

cc: The Honorable Joanne M. S. Brown  
Legislative Secretary

Office of the Speaker  
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO  
Date: 5/7/98  
Time: 10:45 am  
Rec'd by: [Signature]  
Print Name: Janine [Signature]

MINA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN  
1998 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN


This is to certify that Bill No. 596 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD §3201.1 AND TO REPEAL AND REENACT §80113.1, BOTH OF TITLE 10 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REESTABLISHING THE GUAM CANCER REGISTRY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES," was on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1998, duly and regularly passed.

  
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO  
Speaker

Attested:

  
JOANNE M.S. BROWN  
Senator and Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guahan this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1998,  
at 12:15 o'clock P.M.

  
Assistant Staff Officer  
Governor's Office

APPROVED:

  
CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ  
I Maga'lahen Guahan

Date: 5-6-98

Public Law No. 24-198

**MINA BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN  
1998 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 596 (COR)**

As amended by the Author and  
amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO ADD §3201.1 AND TO REPEAL AND  
REENACT §80113.1, BOTH OF TITLE 10 OF THE  
GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO  
REESTABLISHING THE GUAM CANCER  
REGISTRY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.**

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

2           **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guahan*  
3 finds that according to the latest annual report issued by the Office of Vital  
4 Statistics, Department of Public Health and Social Services, cancer is the  
5 second leading cause of death on Guam, exceeded only by diseases of the  
6 heart. *I Liheslaturan Guahan* also finds that response to this threat to the health  
7 of our people can be improved. Public Law Number 17-81:4, codified as 10  
8 GCA §80113.1, established a Guam Cancer Registry within the Laboratory  
9 Section of the Guam Memorial Hospital, and requires the registry to collect  
10 information on all cases of cancer occurring within Guam, to analyze and  
11 compare such data in appropriate ways and to annually prepare and  
12 distribute a report on their findings. Consequently, it is the intent of the *I*  
13 *Liheslaturan Guahan* to insure that the availability of timely data on the  
14 incidence of cancer on Guam is essential to the development of appropriate  
15 programs to more effectively attack this disease. Therefore, it is the intent of *I*  
16 *Liheslaturan Guahan* to remedy this situation by reestablishing the Guam  
17 Cancer Registry within the Department of Public Health and Social Services.

18           **Section 2.** Section 3201.1 is hereby added to Article 2, Chapter 3,  
19 Division 1, Part 1 of Title 10 of the Guam Code Annotated to read as follows:

20           **"Section 3201.1. Guam Cancer Registry.**           (a) There is  
21 hereby established within the Department of Public Health and Social  
22 Services ('DPHSS') a Guam Cancer Registry, which shall operate under  
23 the supervision of the Division of Public Health, Office of Epidemiology

1 and Research, to collect information on all cases of cancer occurring  
2 within Guam, to analyze and compare such data in appropriate ways  
3 and to annually prepare and distribute a report on their findings. The  
4 Guam Epidemiologist shall be a Guam-licensed physician or a licensed  
5 veterinarian.

6 (b) Injunctions. In case of noncompliance with the  
7 provisions of this Act or with the rules and regulations of the program,  
8 the Director shall notify the respective licensing Board and may also  
9 notify the Attorney General of such noncompliance. The licensing  
10 Board shall notify the healthcare professional and may institute  
11 suspension of license for repeated noncompliance reported by the  
12 Director of DPHSS.

13 The Attorney General, upon receipt of such notification, may  
14 institute an appropriate action or proceeding at law or in equity to  
15 restrain, correct such noncompliance. For all cases of noncompliance  
16 referred to the Attorney General by the Director of DPHSS, quarterly  
17 reports shall be prepared by the Attorney General and submitted to the  
18 Director summarizing the status of actions taken to correct and  
19 comply."

20 Section 3. Repeal and Reenact. Section 80113.1 of Chapter 80,  
21 Division 4, Part 2 of Title 10 of the Guam Code Annotated is hereby repealed  
22 and reenacted to read as follows:

23 "Section 80113.1. Cancer Data Collection. The Guam  
24 Memorial Hospital Authority ("GMHA") and the GMHA Medical Staff  
25 shall continue to collect information regarding cancer cases with

1 relevant data for the Cancer Registry as established by the Department  
2 of Public Health and Social Services. GMHA shall provide DPHSS  
3 cancer information semiannually."

4 **Section 4. Regulations.** The Director is authorized to promulgate  
5 rules and regulations as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the  
6 provisions of this Act in accordance with the Administrative Adjudication  
7 Law.