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August 21, 2006

The Honorable Mark Forbes
Speaker, I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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The Committee on Health and Human Services, to which **Bill No. 270(EC)**: "An Act to *repeal and re-enact* Section 121903(c) of Article 19, Chapter 12, Title 10 GCA, relative to *Creating Exceptions* to Licensure Requirements for Volunteer Veterinarians," was referred, wishes to report its findings and recommendations **TO PASS Bill No. 270(EC)**, as substituted by the Committee on Health and Human Services.

The voting record for Bill No. 270 (EC), as substituted by the committee is as follows:

TO PASS	<u>7</u>	ABSTAIN	<u>0</u>
NOT TO PASS	<u>0</u>	TO REPORT OUT	<u>0</u>
TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE	<u>0</u>		

A copy of the Committee Report and other pertinent documents are attached. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse!*


MIKE CRUZ, M.D.
Chairman

Attachments



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee Members

FROM: Chairman, Committee on Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Committee Report on **Bill No. 270(EC)**

Transmitted herewith for your information and action is the report on Bill No. 270(EC), as substituted by the Committee on Health & Human Services. This memorandum is accompanied by the following:

1. Committee Voting Sheet
2. Bill No. 270 (EC)
3. Bill No. 270 (EC), as substituted by the Committee on Health & Human Services.
4. Existing Statute - Article 19, Chapter 12, Title 10GCA
5. Committee Report
6. Written Testimonies
7. Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
8. Fiscal Note/Fiscal Waiver
9. Notice of Public Hearing

Please take appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. If you need additional information about the report or accompanying documents, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Thank you for your time and attention regarding this matter.


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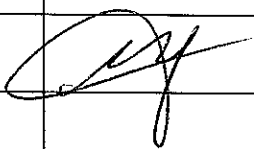
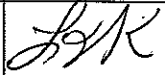

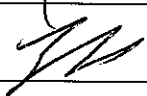



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Senator Mike Cruz, M.D., Chairperson

Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Vice-Chairperson

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VOTING SHEET: Bill No. 270(EC), as substituted by the committee.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	SIGNATURE	TO PASS	NOT TO PASS	TO REPORT OUT ONLY	ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
Senator Mike Cruz, M.D., Chairman		✓				
Senator Jesse Lujan, Co-Chair						
Speaker Mark Forbes, Ex-Officio		✓				
Vice Speaker Joanne Brown, Member						
Senator Larry Kasperbauer, Member		✗				
Senator Ray Tenorio, Member						
Senator Antonio R. Unpingco, Member		✓				
Senator Eddie Baza Calvo, Member		✓				
Senator Frank Aguon, Jr., Member						
Senator Benjamin J. Cruz, Member						
Senator Adolpho B. Palacios, Member		✓				
Senator Rory J. Respicio, Member						

MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2006 (SECOND) Regular Session

Introduced

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Bill No. 270 (EC)

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Introduced by:

J.M.S. Brown



AN ACT TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT SECTION 121903(C) OF ARTICLE 19, OF CHAPTER 12, OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO CREATING EXCEPTIONS TO LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTEER VETERINARIANS.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslatura* finds that the
3 annual spay and neuter clinics *sponsored* by Guam Animals in Need, Inc.
4 (GAIN) benefit the community by controlling the increasing numbers of stray
5 animals. The clinics are provided at minimal or no cost to qualified pet
6 owners.

7 *I Liheslatura* further finds that the yearly clinics are successful, with
8 hundreds of responsible pet owners taking advantage of the low-cost animal-
9 control services provided by volunteer veterinarians *at GAIN's annual clinics*.
10 In recent years, however, veterinarians licensed in other jurisdictions have

1 faced obstacles in trying to *perform these public services without first obtaining a*
2 *Guam License.*

3 **Section 2.** Section 121903(C) of Article 19 is hereby repealed and
4 reenacted to read:

5 (C) A Person advising or performing acts which the Board or Guam
6 Law recognizes as accepted animal control or livestock management
7 practices. Animal control includes, but is not limited to, animal health and
8 population control programs which include some or all of the following
9 services: sterilization, worming, vaccinations, general health examinations,
10 pet licensing, and emergency or critical care services *needed* in conjunction
11 with other services, subject to the following conditions:

- 12
- 13 (i) such services are rendered at the specific direction of a
14 charitable organization or government agency that assumes
15 full responsibility for the treatment or services;
 - 16 (ii) Veterinary services must be performed by, or under the
17 supervision of, a person currently licensed to practice
18 veterinary medicine or veterinary technology in any state,
19 province, territory, commonwealth or possession of the
20 United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, New
21 Zealand, Japan or the Philippines, and such other
22 jurisdictions as the Board may from time-to-time designate.
23 Copies of the visiting practitioners' licenses must be
24 submitted to the Board prior to the program and *shall* be

1 available on the premises for inspection. These license
2 copies shall serve as *licenses* to work on an animal control
3 project for no longer than 8 days per project. Controlled
4 substances *shall* be administered pursuant to the Uniform
5 Controlled Substances Act of Guam, Title 9 GCA Chapter 67.

6 (iii) Fee for Services. No person shall receive any fee or
7 remuneration of any kind, other than payment of or
8 reimbursement for travel, lodging, meals and expenses
9 reasonably incurred by the participating service providers.
10 The sponsoring organization may charge and receive a fee
11 or donation for services rendered, which fee shall be
12 calculated on a reasonable basis to recover actual or
13 anticipated costs of the program, including reimbursement
14 of expenses *incurred by* service providers. Services shall be
15 provided free of charge for persons receiving public
16 assistance who are the lawful owners of animals which
17 receive the services.

18 (iv) Programs conducted pursuant to this subsection shall not be
19 conducted by *any one charitable or government organization*
20 more often than two times per calendar year.

21 (v) Within 30 days of the conclusion of each program, the
22 organization sponsoring the program shall provide the
23 Board with a written report identifying the number and
24 nature of procedures performed, and the names, addresses

1 and telephone numbers of all veterinarians participating in
2 the program.

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2006 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 270(EC)

As substituted by the Committee
on Health and Human Services.

Introduced by:

J. M.S. Brown

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION 121901(b), ARTICLE 19, CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, AND REPEAL AND RE-ENACT SECTION 121903(c), ARTICLE 19, CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING EXCEPTIONS TO LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTEER VETERINARIANS.

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7 of responsible pet owners taking advantage of the low-cost animal-control services
8 provided by volunteer veterinarians *at GAIN's annual clinics*. In recent years,
9 however, veterinarians licensed in other jurisdictions have faced obstacles in trying to
10 *perform these public services without first obtaining a Guam License*.

11 Section 2. A new Subsection 121901(b), Article 19, Chapter 12, Title 10 of
12 the Guam Code Annotated is hereby *added* and all following subsections are hereby
13 *renumbered*:

14 "(b) 'Animal control' means animal health and animal population
15 control programs, which include some or all of the following services:
16 sterilization, worming, vaccinations, general health examinations, pet

1 licensing, and emergency or critical care services needed in conjunction with
2 other services."

3 **Section 3.** Section 121903(c), Article 19, Chapter 12, Division 1, Part 2,
4 Title 10 of the Guam Code Annotated is hereby *repealed and re-enacted* to read
5 as follows:

6 "(c) A person advising or performing acts which the Board or Guam
7 Law recognizes as accepted animal control or livestock management
8 practices. Animal control is subject to the following conditions:

9 (i) such services are rendered at the specific direction of a
10 charitable organization or government agency that assumes
11 full responsibility for the treatment or services;

12 (ii) Veterinary services must be performed by, or under the
13 supervision of, a person currently licensed to practice
14 veterinary medicine in any state, province, territory,
15 commonwealth or possession of the United States, Canada,
16 the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Japan or the
17 Philippines, and such other jurisdictions as the Board may
18 from time-to-time designate. Copies of the visiting
19 practitioners' licenses must be submitted to the Board prior
20 to the program and *shall* be available on the premises for
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19 nature of procedures performed, and the names, addresses,
20 and telephone numbers of all veterinarians participating in
21 the program."

22 **Section 4. Severability.** *If any provision of this Law or its application*
23 *to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such*
24 *invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Law, which*

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- 1 can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this
 - 2 end the provisions of this Law are severable.

Article 19.

Veterinary Medicine.

- §121901. Definitions.
- §121902. Requirements for Licensure.
- §121903. Exceptions to Licensure Requirements.
- §121904. Professional Conduct; Additional Provisions.
- §121905. Spay/Neuter Clinic.

SOURCE: This Article was added by P.L. 24-329:12.

§121901. Definitions. For purposes of this Article, the following words and phrases have been defined to mean:

(a) *Animal* means any animal other than man which includes, but is not limited to, fowl, birds, fish, and reptiles, wild or domestic, living or dead.

(b) *Practice of veterinary medicine* means to diagnose, treat, correct, change, relieve or prevent animal disease, deformity, defect, injury, or other physical or mental condition, including the prescription or administration of any drug, medicine, biologic, apparatus, application, anesthetic, or therapeutic or diagnostic substance or technique, or the use of any manual or mechanical procedure for artificial insemination, testing for pregnancy or for correcting sterility or infertility, or to render advice or recommendation with regard to any of the above.

(c) *Veterinary medicine* includes veterinary surgery, obstetrics, dentistry and all other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine.

(d) *Veterinary hospital or veterinary clinic* means a

§121905. Spay/Neuter Clinic. A spay/neuter clinic is a facility established *only* to spay and neuter animals. Surgeries are performed by, and directly supervised by, a licensed veterinarian. Services are limited to these specific surgical procedures and are performed *only* by a licensed veterinarian.

§12906. Trained Persons Performing Animal Euthanasia.

Article 20.

Respiratory Therapy.

- §122001. Definitions.
- §122002. Qualifications for Licensure.
 - (a) Licensed Respiratory Therapist.
- §122003. Exceptions to Licensure.
- §122004. Scope of Practice.
 - (a) Respiratory Therapists.
 - (b) Respiratory Technician.
- §122005. Supportive Personnel; Delineation of Responsibilities.

SOURCE: This Article was added by P.L. 24-329:13, and amended.

§122001. Definitions. For purposes of this Article, the following words and phrases are defined to mean:

- (a) '*Licensed Registered Respiratory Therapist*' ('RRT') means a person who is currently a 'Registered Respiratory Therapist' credentialed by the National Board for Respiratory Care ('NBRC'), or the equivalent thereof, and who is

COMMITTEE REPORT

BILL NO. 270 (EC)

AUTHOR: Senator Joanne M. Brown

TITLE:

An Act to *repeal and re-enact* Section 121903(c) of Article 19, Chapter 12, Title 10 GCA, relative to the *Creating Exceptions Licensure Requirements for Volunteer Veterinarians.*"

Members present:

Chairman Mike Cruz, MD
Senator Larry Kasperbauer
Senator Joanne Brown
Senator Robert Klitzkie

Testimonies Presented by:

Russell Tufvander, GAIN treasurer
Bambi Leone, GAIN volunteer
Atty. Karon Johnson, GAIN vice-president
Marie Chenery, GAIN
Dr. Larry Hazen, Chair of Allied Health Board of Examiners

Chairman called the public hearing to order. He welcomed the Senators present. Chairman Mike Cruz read the purpose of the bill and asked if anyone was present to testify on behalf of the bill.

RT – GAIN Board Treasurer. Supports 270. Was present at the first Allied Health Board reviewing the R&R for spay/neuter clinic. At the time, he was President of GAIN. Strongly believe that clinics are very good for the community. It is also a very good educational tool. I see animals every year coming in not being able to get surgery – tumor. Happened because of the clinic. People don't understand the importance of vaccines. Education is very important. They are given a list of vets on island. GAIN recommends vets on Guam. Only problem is I question the need to say 8 days. Full support of the bill and it supports GAIN.

BL – In favor of the bill. Volunteers in all clinics on island. Feels there should not be any restrictions. It would help overpopulation on Guam. Right now there's 110 animals in the shelter. Intake is 3,000+ at GAIN, 600+ were adopted, the rest were euthanized. A certified euthanasia technician.

Hazen – have no problem with animal control, spay/neuter clinic. Problem is allowing people to practice on Guam, when not licensed on Guam. Similar to physicians, in the past, orthopedic doctors. This bill sets poor precedence for licensure on Guam. Licensure is to protect the public. If spay/neuter is to control population, then it should do *just* that.

This bill is poorly written. The Guam Board of Law has nothing to do with spay and neuter. Veterinary technicians – no licensing

I encourage this committee to not pass this bill the way it is proposed, revisit these weaknesses, and hold a future hearing before putting it on the floor for a vote.

CC- thank you Dr. Hazen. Karen before you go forward. Dr. Hazen, there are physicians that practice on Guam that don't have licenses here, is that not true?

Hazen- not that I'm aware of.

CC- the Shriner's doctors that visit have no licenses on Guam, are they able to perform and see patients?

Hazen- yes, with a temporary license.

KJ – Vice President of GAIN. 2 years ago. Allied Health Board does not have the authority to grant temporary licenses to veterinarians. If volunteer veterinarians have to be licensed on Guam then we would not be able to do these clinics. If this bill does not go through I will not be unhappy that we made a commitment to the attorney for the Board if this bill does not go through then it'll leave us free in court to litigate the meeting of animal control under the present statute. If this bill does not go through then we will be back in court. I see nothing about authority to issue temporary licenses in the statute.

Hazen – The Governor has the authority to issue temporary licenses.

Marie Chenery – President of GAIN. Shriners Hospital I was surprised to hear Dr. Hazen's testimony. In October 2005, they came to an agreement. The clinics have not changed from how it was before. This type of clinic is not new. Bureau Area Veterinary Services is the group that got us started with these. BAVS came out for 3 years.

CC- Thank you.

Janet Cruz – Acting Administrator – Temporary license, Shriners. Board of Medical Examiners does issue a 90-day temporary license on Guam. It is up to the individual to get full Guam licensure. There are certain requirements for the licenses. Purpose for the Board is to protect the community. P.L. 24-325 eliminated temporary license.

Dr. Harper – Veterinarian & member of Allied Health Board. Surprised that the clinic is more than once a year. The Board has always felt that these clinics are needed and very necessary. We are very concerned that the services provided are beyond animal control and they're attempting to fall under the animal control exemption clause for licensure, which is what was acknowledged.

K – do our veterinarians have the same reciprocity when we go to the states?

JC- no too sure.

K- do we do any survey to check whether they have been neutered?

JC- the ones that are brought in, which are stray animals, are not.

K- how many are treated during an 8-day clinic?

J.C. – anywhere 200-600 sterilization procedures at the 8-day clinic.

CC- Is any license from the Philippines able to get a license to practice permanently here on Guam?

Dr. Diaz- not too sure. I believe any foreign graduate should have a U.S. license.

Brown – what impact would it have on the number of doctor's you'd be able to have come and participate in the clinics if it was simply limited to the U.S.?

JC- if it was U.S. license veterinarians only, I believe it would be okay.

CC- Dr. Harper, I'm interested in the issue that you cannot apply from veterinarian medical school and graduate with a veterinarian degree and not be able to come to Guam and get a license from Guam. If you don't have a license from other states you cannot get one on Guam.

Chairman - Seeing no more testimonies on Bill 270 (EC) Chairman Cruz adjourned.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee on Health & Human Services recommends that **Bill 270(EC)**, "An Act to *repeal and re-enact* Section 121903(c) of Article 19, Chapter 12, Title 10 GCA, relative to the *Creating Exceptions Licensure Requirements for Volunteer Veterinarians*" be submitted to *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* with a recommendation **TO PASS** Bill No. 270(EC).

This is in support of Bill No. 270.

I was president of GAIN in 2000 when we began these clinics. I accompanied Marie Chenery when she went before GBAHE to request that they define spaying, neutering, and ancillary services including vaccines as part of animal control. I have read all the correspondence since then where GBAHE again recognized these procedures as part of animal control, or in later years failed to respond to GAIN's notice of Clinic dates.

As the GAIN President, I personally visited every civilian veterinarian on island to invite them to participate, both in 2000 and in 2001. While the only civilian veterinarian to consistently volunteer has been Dr. Rebecca Diaz, none of the veterinarians spoke against the idea. Their reasons for not participating centered around the need to keep their own clinic open, not around the idea of GAIN having these clinics.

I strongly believe these clinics to be a great service to the residents of Guam. Not only have they taken thousands of animals out of the breeding pool, but they are a way to educate people as to the realities of responsible pet care. Each year I see people who have never before considered taking their dog or cat to a vet come through the door. By the time they leave, they have a much healthier animal, and a better understanding of their responsibilities as a pet owner. While not everyone will return to a vet, many do. In addition, many now learn to buy Heartgard, Frontline, or other such supplies from the nearest vet clinic to keep their pet healthy. An added benefit is that people spread the word, telling their friends and relatives about the joys of having a healthy pet that is not continually having babies.

Every year there are animals that are simply in too poor shape to have surgery. The care and medications provided by the visiting vets and GAIN, along with the education, show them that their pet can be healthy. They are given if necessary, a "rain check" to have the surgery later when the animal is healthy. (Dr. Rebecca Diaz graciously does those surgeries.) Other animals do have surgeries, but go home with needed medications.

I question only one thing about Bill No. 270, and that is the section limiting these projects to 8 days. While it would be a rarity to have any one project go longer than that, the artificial limit could be a problem if in any one year there is a reason to extend. An example might be a visiting vet staying on to help out with the "rain checks".

I strongly urge all senators to support this bill, and through that support to show their support for these very worthwhile clinics.

Russell Tufvander
GAIN Treasurer

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ISLA VETERINARY CLINIC
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Dear Honorable Senators:

This testimony is being submitted to support the passage of legislation (Bill 270) that is being introduced by Senator Brown.

Both sets of legislation allow for the continued annual sterilization clinics that are sponsored by Guam Animals In Need.

As a participant during the past six years of sterilization clinics, I firmly believe that this service is needed on Guam. The clinics are designed to allow licensed off-island veterinarians to visit Guam, sterilize pets and provide minimal services that allow for the continued health of the pet sterilized. These services do and should continue to include the sterilization procedure, parasite control, and vaccination for rabies plus viral diseases common to tropical areas.

Each clinic reaches clients that have never visited a veterinarian as well as people who attempt to assist the animal control procedure by bringing their neighbor's pets for services. The argument may be made that some of the people using the clinic can and should afford veterinary care at the prevailing local prices. However, the reality is that they do not choose to do so and will allow their pets to continue reproducing, which places a heavy emotional and financial burden on the community.

I would also like to speak in favor of continuing vaccination and parasite control at these clinics. All of the veterinarians present rotate through a check-out process that includes client education regarding the need for regular veterinary care, vaccination plus internal and external parasite control. It would make no sense to sterilize a pet then allow it to die from parasites or viral diseases. That process would only impress the client that there is no point in the sterilization process. The thought process might be the pet is going to die anyway.

Providing the current scope of services combined with continued efforts to educate each and every participant that utilizes the sterilization clinic can only lead to an increase in the number of animals sterilized and improvement in the level of care that each pet will receive during its lifetime.

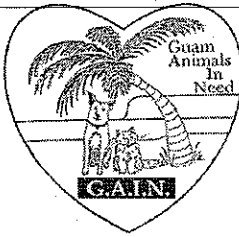
The one addition that I think would be prudent to add is a small budget to provide classroom materials and possibly a subsistence per diem to induce an in-class lecturer to visit our elementary schools and begin planting the seed of responsible pet guardianship to our younger generation. EDUCATION is the key!!!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Diaz, DVM
Isla Veterinary Clinic

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Guam Animals In Need, Inc.



P. O. Box 22365, GMF Barrigada, Guam 96921 653-GAIN (653-4246)

April 19, 2006

Testimony concerning Bill 270, An Act to Repeal and Re-Enact Section 121903(c) of Article 19, of Chapter 12, of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated Relative to Creating Exceptions to Licensure Requirements for Volunteer Veterinarians.

Dear Senators,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of this measure. Guam Animals In Need, Inc., has sponsored low-cost sterilization programs for several years, using, in part, off-island veterinarians who donate their time to this program. For several years, these veterinarians were not required to be licensed on Guam, under the exception provided by Title 10, GCA, Section 121903(c), which exempts from licensure those practicing animal control. In 2004, however, GAIN was advised by the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners that it was re-interpreting the law to require that these volunteer veterinarians hold Guam licenses if they were to practice at GAIN's low-cost clinics. When the issue could not be resolved, GAIN filed a complaint in the Superior Court of Guam, and obtained a temporary restraining order which allowed it to hold its 2005 clinic. Since then, counsel for GAIN and the Attorney General's office arrived at a resolution of this issue which was believed to satisfy the need for low-cost animal control measures and the proper concerns of the Board that persons practicing veterinarian medicine on Guam be qualified in their field.

GAIN believes it is essential that "animal control" include all vaccinations, and not be limited strictly to rabies. The three prongs of a successful animal control program are legislation, education and sterilization. Offering full vaccines for the animals brought to the sterilization clinics is an important way of educating the owners. By learning how to properly protect their animals from diseases and parasites, owners take more interest in their animals.

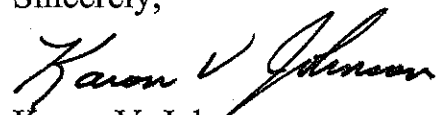
The International City/County Management Association has published a comprehensive guide for local governments entitled Animal Control Management. The book devotes an entire chapter to programs for spaying and neutering. It notes that hundreds of communities have offered government-subsidized clinics and

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programs, which have had a marked impact on animal populations. Reduced-rate vaccinations are one of the services routinely offered by such programs.

The goal of these clinics is to reduce the stray animal population, which constitutes a threat to public health and safety, and to encourage responsible pet care by promoting the animal's general health, of which vaccinations are an important part. The same people who cannot afford to sterilize their pets, cannot afford to vaccinate them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karon V. Johnson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Karon V. Johnson
GAIN Vice President
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Committee on Health & Human Services

Public Hearing
 Wednesday, April 19, 2006
 1:00 p.m.
 I Liheslaturan Guåhan, Hagåtña

Bill No. 270(EC): "An act to repeal and re-enact Section 121903(c) of Article 19 of Chapter 12 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated relative to Creating Exceptions Licensure Requirements for Volunteer Veterinarians."

	NAME (please print)	AGENCY/ ORGANIZATION	ORAL TESTIMONY	WRITTEN TESTIMONY	IN FAVOR	NOT IN FAVOR	CONTACT NUMBER
1.	Russell Lufvander	GAIN	✓	✓	✓		734-3372
2.	Bambi Leona	GAIN	✓				
3.	Naom Johnson	GAIN		✓	✓		472-7332
4.	Mosie Chenery	GAIN	✓				
5.	Larry Hager	GAIN Allied Health	✓				699-5018
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**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 270 (EC)**

Bill Title (Preamble): AN ACT TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT SECTION 121903(C) OF ARTICLE 19, OF CHAPTER 12, OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO CREATING EXCEPTIONS TO LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTEER VETERINARIANS.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Department of Agriculture	Dept./Agency Head: Paul Bassler
Dept's General Fund (GF) approp(s) to date: Includes reapprop. of \$50k and \$25k per P.L.s 28-74:2 & 28-103:2, respectively	\$2,922,620
Dept's Other Fund approp(s) to date: Plant Inspection & Permit Fund \$40k; Unreserved Fund Balance Fund \$49k	\$89,000
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$3,011,620

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation

	General Fund:	Other (specify):	Total:
FY 2006 Adopted Revenues	\$435,092,898	\$0	\$435,092,898
FY Appro. to P.L. 28-68 - P.L. 28-114	(\$435,092,898)	\$0	(\$435,092,898)
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 Current FY (if applicable)	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year	Fifth Year
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Fund:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/

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 / / No
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ _____
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 / / No
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
/ / Requested agency comments not received by due date / / Other: _____

Analyst: af/ovz Date: 5-4-06 Director: Carlos P. Bordallo MAY 08 2006

1/ Footnotes: §121903 (C), Chapter 12 of 10 GCA provides that a person advising or performing acts which the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners or Guam law recognizes as accepted animal control practice, is exempt from licensure requirements. Additionally, as early as year 2000 "spaying and neutering" has been recognized by the Board as an accepted animal control procedure. Bill 270(EC) proposes to incorporate such intent into statute, as it defines "animal control" practice as inclusive of, but not limited to animal health and population control programs subject to the conditions specified in the Bill language. The fiscal impact is anticipated to be positive as it is designed to reduce costs connected to stray animals on Guam.

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April 17, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: General Public

FROM: Senator Mike Cruz, M.D. *MC*

SUBJECT: **REMINDER - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR BILL NOS. 270(EC), 273(EC) & 274(EC)**

Hafa Adai! This is to inform you that the Committee on Health & Human Services will be holding a Public Hearing on **WEDNESDAY, April 19th, 1:00 p.m.** at *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing Room. The following bill(s) will be heard:

Bill No. 270(EC), relative to creating exceptions to licensure requirements for volunteer veterinarians.

Bill No. 273(EC), relative to the Audiology profession of the Guam Allied Health Practice Act.

Bill No. 274(EC), relative to the Speech, Language Pathology profession of the Guam Allied Health Practice Act.

Copies of the aforementioned bills may be obtained at *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* website, http://guamlegislature.com/28th_Guam_Legislature/Bills-Introduced-28th.htm. Individuals wanting to submit written testimony or requiring special accommodations or services should contact the Office of Senator Mike Cruz, MD at 477-5960. Thank you.