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I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2012 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 529-31 (COR), "AN ACT TO *AMEND* §66104.2 OF CHAPTER 66, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF CIVILIAN VOLUNTEER POLICE RESERVE OFFICERS"**, was on the 14th day of December, 2012, duly and regularly passed.

Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Acting Speaker

Attested:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this 17 day of Dec, 2012, at 11:40 o'clock A.M.

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Date: _____

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Bill No. 529-31 (COR)
As amended by the Committee on Public Safety,
Law Enforcement and Judiciary, and further amended on the Floor.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that P.L. 31-211, which was enacted in May 2012, recognized the important role Civilian Volunteer Police Reserve (CVPR) officers have in the preservation of peace and order in our island community. CVPR officers meet similar qualifications as

police officers, and are provided training which mirrors the standards for police officers.

I Liheslatura further finds that P.L. 31-211 authorized the Guam Police Department (GPD) to employ CVPR officers on a temporary, full-time status should a critical need arise because of military deployment of regular, full-time police officers. Given the personnel needs of GPD, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the employment of CVPR officers is critical to sustaining an adequate police force level.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds, however, that GPD has an insufficient number of CVPR officers who have attained at least two thousand eighty (2,080) cumulative service hours and who are available to fulfill the agency's needs. And, according to GPD's volunteer service command, most CVPR officers that have accumulated two thousand eighty (2,080) service hours are full-time employees in the public and private sectors. GPD's volunteer service command has recently communicated this matter to the Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety, Law Enforcement and Judiciary, and has further recommended that an amendment be made to current statute relative to the required number of cumulative service hours.

It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslatura* to adjust the number of cumulative service hours required of CVPR officers in order to be employed on a temporary, full-time basis when a need arises due to military deployment of regular, full-time police officers. The adjustment from two thousand eighty (2,080) hours to five hundred (500) hours reflects the number of field/on-the-job training hours required of CVPR officers to complete, prior to being eligible to work solo. During the field/on-the-job training, CVPR officers remain under the close supervision and guidance of a full-time, experienced officer.

Section 2. Authorization for Full-Time CVPR Officers. §66104.2 of Chapter 66, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

"**§ 66104.2. Authorization for Full-Time CVPR Officers.**

The Guam Police Department (GPD) may employ CVPR Officers on a temporary, full-time basis, if such Officers are active members and have attained *at least* five hundred (500) cumulative service hours, if a critical need arises because of military activation of police officers or absence due to a long-term disability status which has been certified by a medical doctor. The GPD may exercise this authority provided its authorized budget for personnel is *not* exceeded. The CVPR Officer *shall* return to volunteer status pursuant to this Chapter when the incumbent returns from military service or long-term disability, or at the discretion of the Chief of Police. CVPR Officers may *only* serve as equivalent of Police Officer I and be compensated hourly *only* as a Police Officer I, Step I, and *shall* be eligible to receive sick leave, and be eligible for the Government of Guam Health Insurance Program, and *shall not* be eligible for a stipend as a Reserve Officer for the duration of their temporary employment by the Department. The Department of Administration, in consultation with the Guam Police Department, *shall* establish a policy for processing compensation for CVPR Officers who are employed under this Act."

Section 3. Effective Date. This Act *shall* be effective upon enactment.