

I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
2016 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. *243-33* (COR)

Introduced by:


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**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE *I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN*,
I SEGUNDO MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN AND
INDIVIDUAL SENATORS TO VOLUNTARILY
REDUCE THEIR SALARIES.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative findings and intent. *I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds that the community of Guam has consistently expressed strong opposition to the enactment of P.L. 32-208, which increased the salaries of and awarded retroactive pay to elected and appointed officials. The public outcry resulted in the introduction of three bills, Bill 4-33, Bill 201-33 and Bill 204-33, all of which sought to repeal P.L. 32-208. However, those efforts failed to acquire the number of votes for passage. It is important to note that although Bill 4-33 passed, the final version, now Public Law 33-03, excludes the provision to reduce the salaries of elected and appointed officials.

I Liheslaturan Guahan finds that during deliberation on the aforementioned bills on session floor, it was suggested that senators who oppose the pay raise should voluntarily reduce their individual salaries. Further, several senators expressed their willingness to reduce their salaries, evident by their voting record in favor of repealing Public Law 32-208.

I Liheslaturan Guahan further finds that precedence was set by P.L. 27-05,

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1 specifically Section 8 and Section 9, authorizing the reduction of salaries of
2 senators and *I Maga'lahren Guahan* and *I Segundo Maga'lahren Guahan*.

3 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to authorize *I*
4 *Maga'lahren Guahan*, *I Segundo Maga'lahren Guahan* and individual senators to
5 voluntarily reduce their salaries, which were statutorily set by P.L. 32-208.

6 **Section 2. Authorization.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule,
7 regulation, policy or procedure, the senators and *I Maga'lahren Guahan* and *I*
8 *Segundo Maga'lahren Guahan* are hereby authorized to individually reduce their
9 salaries statutorily set by P.L. 32-208. The administrative procedures *shall* be
10 developed by the respective authorities to comply with this Act.

11 **Section 3. Salary Savings to the Healthy Futures Fund.** The Department
12 of Administration is authorized to receive such funds that may result from the
13 reduction of salaries of senators and *I Maga'lahren Guahan* and *I Segundo*
14 *Maga'lahren Guahan* as authorized in this Act, and *shall* deposit said amounts into
15 the Healthy Futures Fund.

16 **Section 4. Effective Date.** Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule,
17 regulation, policy or procedure, this Act *shall* become effective upon enactment.

18 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
19 person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity *shall not* affect other
20 provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid
21 provision or application and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.