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Bill No. 171-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE CRITICAL PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE CIVILIAN VOLUNTEER POLICE RESERVE PROGRAM PROVIDE THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE ISLAND COMMUNITY, THROUGH ENSURING THAT STIPENDS ARE SUFFICIENT TO MEET THEIR MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AS SET FORTH IN LAW; THROUGH AMENDING §66104.1, DIVISION 3, OF CHAPTER 66, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

3 I Liheslaturan Guahan finds that the Guam Police Department  
4 throughout the years has been provided vital public safety support  
5 services by members of the Civilian Volunteer Police Reserve  
6 program, assistance that has proven to be critical to the department's  
7 ability to meet public safety requirements despite limited financial  
8 resources. These Reserve members have provided necessary  
9 augmentation support to the full-time Police Officers in ensuring the  
10 safety of the public in numerous events throughout the years. Many  
11 of these events include, but not limited to, the following: supporting

1 safety requirements during the annual Liberation Day Parade and  
2 special events sponsored by the government of Guam, providing  
3 additional security for off-island dignitaries when deemed necessary,  
4 and many other activities whenever called upon for support by the  
5 Chief of Police or I Maga'lahaen Guahan.

6 I Liheslaturan Guahan further finds that the existing level of  
7 monthly stipends provided to the members of the Civilian Volunteer  
8 Police Reserve Program has been in place since 1990, and has not  
9 been amended since then despite escalating costs associated with the  
10 required equipment and uniforms necessary for these Reservists to  
11 conduct their responsibilities and provide their essential services to  
12 the community.

13 Therefore, this provision would adjust the monthly stipends  
14 provided to the Civilian Volunteer Police Reserve members to better  
15 reflect the significant increase in costs over the years associated with  
16 the acquisition and maintenance of their required equipment and  
17 uniforms. The adjustment of the stipends as provided for herein  
18 would commence and be applicable in Fiscal Year 2012, with such  
19 costs to be absorbed within the Guam Police Department's  
20 annualized budget allocation.

21 **Section 2. Adjustment of Monthly Stipend for Civilian**  
22 **Volunteer Police Reserve Members.**

1 §66104.1 of Chapter 66, Division 3, Title 10, Guam Code  
2 Annotated, relative to the Civilian Volunteer Police Reserve is hereby  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 **“§ 66104.1. Same: ~~Allowance~~ Stipends.**

5 Each member of the civilian Volunteer Police Reserve who  
6 successfully completes probationary requirements as established by  
7 the Chief of Police, and who contributes a minimum of forty-two  
8 hours or more per month, shall receive ~~an allowance~~ **a stipend** of  
9 ~~Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250)~~ **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)**  
10 per month, to defray the cost of maintenance of their equipment and  
11 uniforms.

12 The Guam Police Department shall identify funds within their  
13 department appropriations to satisfy the intent of this Section.”

14 **Section 3. Effective Date.**

15 The provisions contained in this Act shall be effective no later  
16 than October 01, 2011, and applicable to commence in the Guam  
17 Police Department’s Fiscal Year 2012 annual budget.

18 **Section 4. Severability.**

19 If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or  
20 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  
22 be given effect without the invalid provisions application, and to this  
23 end the provisions of this Act are severable.