
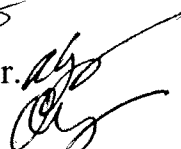
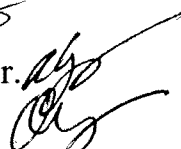


I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 280-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) FROM THE ENHANCED 911 EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM FUND TO THE GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL REVOLVING FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AMBULANCES.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that
3 the Guam Fire Department (GFD) has the responsibility of providing the people of
4 Guam with an adequate and reliable emergency medical services system. This
5 responsibility includes the maintenance and operation of vehicles and equipment,
6 which are necessary for Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians to properly
7 treat and care for individuals who require emergency medical care.

8 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds, however, that GFD has had difficulty repairing
9 its aging fleet, which has impeded the ability of emergency personnel to respond to
10 emergencies in a timely manner. Within the last few years, island leaders have
11 resorted to “State of Emergency” declarations for GFD in direct response to the
12 frequent shortage of working ambulances, with the most recent request for such a

1 declaration from a member of *I Mina' Trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan* in
2 February 2011.

3 Throughout the years, a significant amount of funding has been appropriated to
4 address the repair of government ambulances, and those actions served as temporary,
5 albeit necessary, fixes to a much bigger problem. Moreover, the use of government
6 of Guam funding has been limited when purchasing ambulances for GFD. The
7 uncertainty surrounding the reliability of GFD's ambulance fleet has impeded the
8 ability of its personnel to effectively perform their duties. The safety of our
9 community continues to be compromised with the absence of an adequate number of
10 ambulances to service the entire island.

11 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the GFD Capital Revolving Fund, also
12 known as the Fire, Life and Medical Emergency ("FLAME") Fund, was created for
13 the purpose of purchasing, maintaining and repairing emergency vehicles. According
14 to information released by the Department of Administration, the current amount
15 contained in the fund is insufficient to purchase new ambulances. *I Liheslaturan*
16 *Guåhan* recognizes that other government of Guam funding sources, which address
17 areas associated with emergency services, could assist GFD in acquiring much-
18 needed ambulances.

19 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to authorize the transfer of funds from
20 the Enhanced 911 Emergency Reporting System Fund to the Guam Fire Department
21 Capital Revolving Fund for the immediate purchase of ambulances for the Guam Fire
22 Department.

23 **Section 2. Appropriation for the Purchase of Ambulances for the Guam**
24 **Fire Department.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of Five
25 Hundred Thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the Enhanced

1 911 Emergency Reporting System Fund to the Guam Fire Department Capital
2 Revolving Fund for the immediate purchase of ambulances for the Guam Fire
3 Department.

4 **Section 3. Waiving Procurement Requirements.** In light of the urgency for
5 the procurement of ambulances, which are appropriated for in Section 2 of this Act,
6 the requirements contained in Chapter 5, Title 5 of the Guam Code Annotated, are
7 waived for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days after the enactment
8 of this Act. The Public Auditor, or his designee from the Office of Public
9 Accountability, shall be an observer throughout the procurement of the equipment
10 specified in this Act, shall receive copies of all documents involved and shall be
11 invited to and participate in any meetings relating to the procurement of the
12 equipment specified in this Act.

13 **Section 4. Sunset Provision for Appropriation.** Any appropriated funds that
14 are unexpended within one hundred eighty (180) days of the enactment of this Act
15 shall be appropriated back to the Enhanced 911 Emergency Reporting System Fund.

16 **Section 5. Enactment.** The provisions of this Act shall become effective upon
17 enactment.

18 **Section 6. Severability.** *If* any provision of this Law or its application to any
19 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall
20 *not* affect other provisions or applications of this Law which can be given effect
21 without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
22 Law are severable