


**MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 529-31 (one)

Introduced by:

Adolpho B. Palacios Sr. 

**AN ACT TO AMEND §66104.2 OF CHAPTER 66,
TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE
TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF CIVILIAN
VOLUNTEER POLICE RESERVE OFFICERS.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that P.L. 31-211, which was enacted in May 2012, recognized the important
4 role Civilian Volunteer Police Reserve ("CVPR") officers have in the
5 preservation of peace and order in our island community. CVPR officers meet
6 similar qualifications as police officers, and are provided training which
7 mirrors the standards for police officers.

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

1 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds, however, that GPD has an insufficient
2 number of CVPR officers who have attained at least two thousand eighty
3 (2,080) cumulative service hours and who are available to fulfill the agency’s
4 needs. And, according to GPD’s volunteer service command, most CVPR
5 officers that have accumulated two thousand eighty (2,080) service hours are
6 full-time employees in the public and private sectors. GPD’s volunteer service
7 command has recently communicated this matter to the Chairman of the
8 Committee on Public Safety, Law Enforcement and Judiciary, and has further
9 recommended that an amendment be made to current statute relative to the
10 required number of cumulative service hours.

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

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

22 “§ 66104.2. **Authorization for Full-Time CVPR Officers.**

1 The Guam Police Department (GPD) *may* employ CVPR Officers
2 on a temporary, full-time basis, if such Officers are active members and
3 have attained at least ~~two thousand eighty~~ five hundred (2,080,500)
4 cumulative service hours, if a critical need arises because of military
5 activation of police officers or absence due to a long-term disability
6 status which has been certified by a medical doctor. The GPD *may*
7 exercise this authority provided its authorized budget for personnel is
8 *not* exceeded. The CVPR *shall* return to volunteer status pursuant to this
9 Chapter when the incumbent returns from military service or long-term
10 disability, or at the discretion of the Chief of Police. CVPR Officers may
11 *only* serve as equivalent of Police Officer I and be compensated hourly
12 *only* as a Police Officer I, Step I, and *shall* be eligible to receive sick leave,
13 and be eligible for the Government of Guam Health Insurance Program,
14 and *shall* not be eligible for a stipend as a Reserve Officer for the
15 duration of their temporary employment by the Department.”

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