

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Bill No. 62 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §§77109 AND 77110, CHAPTER 77 OF TITLE 10, GCA, **RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF OF** POLICE AND THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE," was on the 3rd day of April, 2009, duly and regularly passed.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D. Speaker

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na Rose Muña Barnes Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this _____ day of Aml, 2009, at

4'.45 o'clock <u>P</u>.M.

Assistant Staff Officer Maga'lahi's Office

APPROVED:

FELIX P. CAMACHO I Maga'lahen Guåhan

Date: ____

Public Law No. _____

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Bill No. 62 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO AMEND §§77109 AND 77110, CHAPTER 77 OF TITLE 10, GCA, RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Statement, Findings and Intent. Subsection (c) of both §§77109 and 77110 of 10 GCA requires a bachelor's degree, which is a four (4)-year degree program. Subsection (d) of both Sections provides for an alternative to the subsection (c) requirement. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the trainings in subsection (d) can be completed in a twelve (12)-month period, as opposed to the four (4)-year degree program. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds

that the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy training and the 1 Northwestern Traffic Institute Police Staff Command (NWTI/PSC) Course are 2 both conducted in the United States mainland. Opportunities for attendance in 3 either training course are very limited and very restrictive. For example, the 4 Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy training is by invitation only, 5 and limited to not more than two (2) from the Guam Police Department (GPD). 6 The NWTI/PSC Course is a nine (9)-month course and is held in Chicago, Illinois. 7 Attendance to this training is at the expense of GPD (if GPD employee), to include 8 full salary status and per diem allowance. Several individuals who may be 9 interested in the position of Chief of Police or Deputy Chief of Police have 10 expressed that those officers who were fortunate to attend one (1) of the two (2) 11 training courses were, in fact, granted a "short-cut" to the four (4)-year degree 12 requirement, thus placing them at an unfair advantage over those with a four (4)-13 year college degree, but did *not* have the stateside training. 14

It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to "even the playing field" and thus provide for an equal opportunity in competing for the positions of Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police, by deleting subsection (d) of §§77109 and 77110 of 10 GCA.

19 Section 2. §77109 of Chapter 77, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated is
20 hereby *amended* to read:

21 "§77109. Appointment of the Chief of Police. The Chief of
 22 Police *shall* be appointed by *I Maga'lahi* with the advice and consent of *I* 23 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* and *shall* meet the following qualifications:

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(a) be at least thirty-five (35) years of age;

25 (b) have *no less than* fifteen (15) years of progressive 26 experience in a governmental law enforcement position, including at 27 least five (5) years at the supervisory command level and five (5) years in a senior position with law enforcement management
 responsibilities;

(c) graduation with a bachelor's degree or higher in Police
Science, Criminal Justice Administration, Public Administration,
Law, or closely related field or discipline, at an accredited institution
recognized by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)
or its successors;

8 (d) have no felony, domestic *or* family violence convictions;

9 (e) submit to and pass a drug screening test, including, but 10 *not limited to*, urinalysis testing;

(f) be of good health and good moral character;

(g) submit to psychological testing; and

(h) submit to and pass a polygraph examination;

14(i) No person shall be appointed as Chief of Police before a15thorough investigation of the appointee's background and moral16character is completed."

Section 3. §77110 of Chapter 77, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is
hereby *amended* to read:

"§77110. Appointment of Deputy Chief of Police. The Chief of
Police *shall* appoint a Deputy Chief of Police who *shall* occupy a position in
the unclassified service. The Deputy Chief of Police *shall* perform the duties
as designated by the Chief of Police. The Deputy Chief *shall* meet the
following qualifications:

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(a) be at least thirty-five (35) years of age;

25(b) have no less than ten (10) years of progressive26management experience in local or Federal governmental law

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enforcement, including at least three (3) years in an executive
 command level position;
 (c) graduation with a bachelor's degree *or* higher in Police

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(c) graduation with a bachelor's degree or higher in Police
 Science, Criminal Justice Administration, Public Administration,
 Law, or closely related field or discipline, at an accredited institution
 recognized by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)
 or its successor;

(d) have *no* felony, domestic *or* family violence convictions;

9 (e) submit to and pass a drug screening test, including, but
10 not limited to, a urinalysis test;

(f) be of good health and good moral character;

(g) submit to psychological testing; and

(h) submit to and pass a polygraph examination;

14(i) No person shall be appointed as Deputy Chief of Police15before a thorough investigation of the appointee's background and16moral character is completed."