

I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

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The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo I Maga'låhen Guåhan Ufisinan I Maga'låhi Hagåtña, Guam

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Dear Maga'låhi Calvo:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 213-33 (COR), 223-33 (COR), 235-33 (LS), 238-33 (LS), 241-33 (COR), 242-33 (COR), 244-33 (COR) and 247-33 (COR); and Substitute Bill Nos. 89-33 (LS), 149-33 (COR), 191-33 (LS), 218-33 (COR), 228-33 (COR), 229-33 (COR), 231-33 (LS), 236-33 (LS), 245-33 (COR) and 248-33 (COR), which were passed by *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on February 18, 2016.

Sincerely,

TINAROSE MOÑA BARNES

Legislative Secretary

Enclosure (18)

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

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

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 89-33 (LS), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 85.10 OF CHAPTER 85, TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE GUAM PAROLE BOARD," was on the 18th day of February 2016, duly and regularly passed.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker Atteste Tina Rose\Muña Barnes Legislative Secretary This Act was received by I Maga'låhen Guåhan this 22 MD day of tobRugRy 2016, at 2:59 o'clock 1.M. Assistant Staff Officer/ Maga'låhi's Office APPROVED: EDWARD J.B. CALVO I Maga'låhen Guåhan Date:_____ Public Law No.

I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 89-33 (LS)

As substituted by the Committee on the Guam U.S. Military Relocation, Public Safety and Judiciary; and amended on the Floor.

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AN ACT TO AMEND § 85.10 OF CHAPTER 85, TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE GUAM PAROLE BOARD.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that Public Law 31-03 increased the size of the Guam Parole Board (Board) from
- 4 five (5) members to seven (7) members and harmonized the composition of the
- 5 Board with the rehabilitative ethos which the Department of Corrections is intended

to engender. As a result of these provisions, the Board has encountered challenges
 reaching a quorum during regularly scheduled monthly Board meetings.

I Liheslatura further finds that the Board cancelled regularly scheduled monthly meetings due to no quorum during the following calendar years:

- (a) 2011 nine (9) months from April to December;
- (b) 2012 three (3) months from January, May and November;
 - (c) 2013 six (6) months from January to May and September;
 - (d) 2014 three (3) months from March, June and July; and
- (e) 2015 one (1) month in March.

The lack of a quorum has prevented inmates from the legitimate expectation of the parole process. Moreover, the lack of quorum has prevented the Board from addressing parole revocations, potentially compromising public safety.

It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to amend § 85.10 of Chapter 85, Title 9, Guam Code Annotated, so the island has a fully functional and effective Guam Parole Board.

Section 2. § 85.10 of Chapter 85, Title 9, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

"§ 85.10. Guam Parole Board Created.

There is in the Executive Branch of the government of Guam, a Guam Parole Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, consisting of seven (7) members appointed by *I Maga'låhi* [the Governor], by and with the advice and consent of *I Liheslatura* [the Legislature]. Only persons, who by their knowledge and experience are prepared to perform efficiently the duties of the Board as hereinafter provided, *shall* be eligible for such appointment. Any person holding an elected office *shall not* be eligible to serve on the Guam Parole Board. No person who has a family member of the first consanguinity serving a local sentence, or on parole, shall be eligible to serve on the Board.

(a) The composition of the Board members *shall* be comprised of the following, with the minimum background and experience:

- (1) at least one (1) Board member shall have at least five (5) years in law enforcement or other criminal justice work, or a baccalaureate degree in criminal justice from a college or university accredited by a United States accrediting body recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or its successor, or an equivalent foreign university as determined consistent with 17 GCA § 3104 (a)(l), or professional experience in these areas of study;
- (2) at least one (1) Board member *shall* have at least a baccalaureate degree or higher in social work, sociology or psychology, or a medical degree from a college or university accredited by a United States accrediting body recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or its successor, or an equivalent foreign university as determined consistent with 17 GCA § 3104 (a)(1);
- (3) at least one (1) Board member *shall* have at least five (5) years of experience in human resources development, or legal background or professional experience in these areas of study;
- (4) at least four (4) Board members *shall* come from the public at-large; and
- (5) all Guam Parole Board members *shall* be of good moral character."
- **Section 3. Severability.** If any of the provisions of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, such invalidity *shall not* affect any other provision or application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.