

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. 229-33 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 38 TO CHAPTER XII OF PUBLIC LAW 33-66, RELATIVE TO THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED CONSERVATION OFFICERS AND LIMITED-TERM CONSERVATION OFFICER RECRUITS WITHIN THE DIVISION OF AQUATIC AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHOULD A CRITICAL NEED ARISE DUE TO MILITARY ACTIVATION OR LONG-TERM DISABILITY," was on the 18th day of February 2016, duly and regularly passed.

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Tina Rose Muña Barnes Legislative Secretary	
This Act was received by <i>I Maga'låhen G</i> 2016, at 2.59 o'clock .M.	uåhan this <u>20ND</u> day of <u>Eckug</u> re
APPROVED:	Assistant Staff Officer Maga'låhi's Office
EDWARD J.B. CALVO I Maga'låhen Guåhan	
Date:	

Public Law No.

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Bill No. 229-33 (COR)

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

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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 38 TO CHAPTER XII **PUBLIC** LAW 33-66, RELATIVE TO THE TEMPORARY **EMPLOYMENT** OF RETIRED CONSERVATION OFFICERS AND LIMITED-TERM CONSERVATION OFFICER RECRUITS WITHIN THE DIVISION OF AQUATIC AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHOULD A CRITICAL NEED ARISE DUE TO MILITARY ACTIVATION OR LONG-TERM DISABILITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that Conservation Officers within the Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources

- 1 (DAWR) of the Department of Agriculture, like many other peace officers, are
- 2 service-minded individuals who often serve their country as reservists in the U.S.
- 3 military reserve programs and/or the Guam National Guard. The activation and
- 4 deployment of these military forces have an impact on the performance of the
- 5 DAWR where adequate replacements are unavailable.

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- Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to allow the Chief Conservation Officer to temporarily employ retired conservation officers and limited-term conservation officer recruits in order to meet the needs of the DAWR.
- 9 **Section 2.** A new Section 38 is hereby *added* to Chapter XII of Public Law 10 33-66 to read as follows:

"Section 38. Temporary **Employment** of Retired Guam Conservation Officers. The Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources (DAWR) of the Department of Agriculture may hire retired conservation officers and limited-term conservation officer recruits if a critical need arises because of military activation of conservation officers, or absence due to a long-term disability status which has been certified by a medical doctor. The DAWR may exercise this hiring authority, *provided* its authorized budget for personnel is *not* exceeded. The retiree or recruit hired shall fill such a temporarily vacant position and shall be terminated when the incumbent returns from military service or long-term disability. Retired officers or recruits may be hired only at the ranks of Conservation Officer I and below, only at Step I, and shall not receive sick and annual leave. Conservation officers hired under this Section shall first meet the requirements of the position in question, except for written examinations, and the Chief Conservation Officer shall certify that every retiree hired is fit for duty. Notwithstanding § 8121(a), Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, retirees hired temporarily pursuant to this Section may continue to receive retirement

benefits. Any employee hired under this Section *shall only* be eligible to enroll in the Government of Guam Health Insurance Program as an active employee. The Director of the Department of Agriculture *shall* report to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* on July 1, 2016, and again thirty (30) days after the end of the fiscal year, of the number of retired conservation officers and limited-term conservation officer recruits hired pursuant to this Section, the positions filled, the length of employment, the cost of said hiring, and the nature of the critical need that was filled."