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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker

Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hessler Street
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Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 62(COR) "AN ACT TO AMEND §§77109 AND 77110, CHAPTER 77 OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF POLICE AND THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE" which was signed into law on April 17, 2009 as **Public Law 30-15.** 

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## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2009, duly and regularly passed.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.

Public Law No. 30-15

#### I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURÂN GUÂHAN 2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 62 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

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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 (4)-year degree program. Subsection (d) of both Sections provides for an
- 5 alternative to the subsection (c) requirement. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the
- 6 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

1	that the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy training and the
2	Northwestern Traffic Institute Police Staff Command (NWTI/PSC) Course are
3	both conducted in the United States mainland. Opportunities for attendance in
4	either training course are very limited and very restrictive. For example, the
5	Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy training is by invitation only,
6	and limited to not more than two (2) from the Guam Police Department (GPD).
7	The NWTI/PSC Course is a nine (9)-month course and is held in Chicago, Illinois.
8	Attendance to this training is at the expense of GPD (if GPD employee), to include
9	full salary status and per diem allowance. Several individuals who may be
10	interested in the position of Chief of Police or Deputy Chief of Police have
11	expressed that those officers who were fortunate to attend one (1) of the two (2)
12	training courses were, in fact, granted a "short-cut" to the four (4)-year degree
13	requirement, thus placing them at an unfair advantage over those with a four (4)-
14	year college degree, but did not have the stateside training.
15	It is, therefore, the intent of I Liheslaturan Guåhan to "even the playing
16	field" and thus provide for an equal opportunity in competing for the positions of
17	Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police, by deleting subsection (d) of §§77109
18	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

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

- (a) be at least thirty-five (35) years of age;
- (b) have *no less than* fifteen (15) years of progressive experience in a governmental law enforcement position, including at least five (5) years at the supervisory command level and five (5)

1	years in a senior position with law enforcement management
2	responsibilities;
3	(c) graduation with a bachelor's degree or higher in Police
4	Science, Criminal Justice Administration, Public Administration,
5	Law, or closely related field or discipline, at an accredited institution
6	recognized by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)
7	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;
11	(f) be of good health and good moral character;
12	(g) submit to psychological testing; and
13	(h) submit to and pass a polygraph examination;
14	(i) No person shall be appointed as Chief of Police before a
15	thorough investigation of the appointee's background and moral
16	character is completed."
17	Section 3. §77110 of Chapter 77, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is
18	hereby amended to read:
19	"§77110. Appointment of Deputy Chief of Police. The Chief of
20	Police shall appoint a Deputy Chief of Police who shall occupy a position in
21	the unclassified service. The Deputy Chief of Police shall perform the duties
22	as designated by the Chief of Police. The Deputy Chief shall meet the
23	following qualifications:
24	(a) be at least thirty-five (35) years of age;
25	(b) have no less than ten (10) years of progressive
26	management 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 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;

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- (d) have *no* felony, domestic *or* family violence convictions;
- (e) submit to and pass a drug screening test, including, but 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;
- (i) No person shall be appointed as Deputy Chief of Police before a thorough investigation of the appointee's background and moral character is completed."