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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker *Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* 155 Hessler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 287-30(COR) "AN ACT TO CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION OF THE PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION, AND TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM QUORUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMMISSION MEETINGS, BY AMENDING §32302(a), AND ADDING A NEW §32302.20 TO ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 32, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED" which I signed into law on February 8, 2010 as **Public Law 30-89.** 

Sinseru yan Magåhet,

FELIX P. CAMACHO

I Maga'låhen Guåhan Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy of Bill

30-10-01/6/ 2/17/10

# I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 287-30 (COR)," AN ACT TO CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION OF THE PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION, AND TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM QUORUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMMISSION MEETINGS, BY AMENDING §32302(a), AND ADDING A NEW §32302.20 TO ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 32, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED," was on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2010, duly and regularly passed.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D. Speaker

Attested:

Tima Rose Muña Barnes
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guåhan this 27 day of 5010, at 4100 o'clock P.M.

Assistant Staff Officer Maga'lahi's Office

APPROVED:

FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'lahen Guåhan

Pate: FEB 0 8 2010

Public Law No. P.L. 30-89

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

### Bill No. 287-30 (COR)

As substituted by the Committee on Public Safety, Law Enforcement and Senior Citizens, and amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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AN**ACT** TO **CHANGE** THE **MEMBERSHIP** COMPOSITION **OF** THE **PEACE OFFICER** STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION, AND TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM QUORUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMMISSION MEETINGS, BY AMENDING §32302(a), AND ADDING A NEW §32302.20 TO ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 32, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission was first
- 4 established by Public Law 24-145:2 on March 5, 1998, and further amended in its

1 entirety by Public Law 29-012:2 on September 7, 2007. The primary purpose of

the Commission was the development of regulations and minimum professional

standards to serve as the basis for the uniform recruitment operation of Guam's law

4 enforcement entities.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that in the process of developing the regulations and minimum professional standards, the POST Commission, in accordance with Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 32, Article 3, §32302 (c), has to hold at least four (4) meetings per year. The current practice of the POST Commission with regards to setting a quorum level for meetings was to use the fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) rule of all fourteen (14) voting members of the Commission, as there is no specific provision as to what constitutes a quorum. According to the POST Executive Director, the Commission, has met at least eight (8) times over the last two (2) years of which only four (4) times was there a quorum. The Commission noted that it has been very difficult to have a quorum based on eight (8) of fourteen (14) voting members.

Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to change the membership composition of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission and to establish minimum quorum requirements for the POST meetings, by amending §32302 (a) Article 3, Chapter 32, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, and by adding a new §32302.20, Article 3, Chapter 32, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated.

**Section 2.** §32302(a), Article 3, Chapter 32, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

"(a) There is hereby created a Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission. The Commission *shall* be composed of twelve (12) members as follows:

1	(1)	the Chief of the Guam Police Department, or his designated
2		representative;
3	(2)	the Chief of the Guam Airport Police, or his designated
4		representative;
5	(3)	the Chief of the Guam Port Police, or his designated
6		representative.
7	(4)	the Attorney General, or his designated representative;
8	(5)	the Director of Customs and Quarantine Agency, or his
9		designated representative;
10	(6)	the Director of the Department of Corrections, or his designated
11		representative;
12	(7)	the Chief of the Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources of
13		the Department of Agriculture, or his designated representative;
14	(8)	one (1) non-voting representative from the University of Guam
15		(UOG), appointed by the President;
16	(9)	one (1) non-voting representative from the Guam Community
17		College (GCC), appointed by the President;
18	(10)	the Chief Marshal of the Unified Guam Judiciary, or his
19		designated representative;
20	(11)	the Chief of the Guam Fire Department, or his designated
21		representative; and
22	(12)	one (1) voting representative from the Department of
23		Administration, the Personnel Service Division Administrator,
24		appointed by the Director of Administration."
25	Section 3.	A new §32302.20 is hereby added to Article 3, Chapter 32,
26	Title 17. Guam Co	ode Annotated, to read:

1	"§32302.20 Quorum Requirement. A minimum of five (5) voting
2	members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business,
3	and the affirmative votes of five (5) voting members shall be required to
4	make any action of the Commission valid. No action shall be taken by the
5	Commission at any meetings or hearings, unless a quorum is present."
6	Section 4. A new (i) is hereby added to §32302 of Article 3, Chapter 32,
7	Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, to read:
8	"(i) A non-voting member shall not serve as chairperson or vice
9	chairperson of the commission."