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The Honorable Ted S. Nelson Acting Speaker Twenty-Third Guam Legislature Guam Legislature Temporary Building 155 Hesler Street Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Nelson:

Enclosed please find a copy of Bill No. 374, (LS), "AN ACT TO AMEND §1112.1, CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 12 GCA, RELATIVE TO RENAMING THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE TO AIRPORT POLICE", which I have signed into law today as **Public Law No. 23-50**.

This legislation is parallel to that previously done in Public Law 23-28 for the Port Authority Security Force, now known as the Port Authority Police. It is a change of name; not a change in jurisdiction, authority, pay, or other entitlement.

Very truly yours,

Carl T. C. Gutierrez

Attachment **230862**

TWENTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE 1995 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Bill No. 374 (LS), "AN ACT TO AMEND §1112.1, CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 12 GCA, RELATIVE TO RENAMING THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE TO AIRPORT POLICE," was on the 23rd day of November, 1995, duly and regularly passed.

DON PARKINSON Speaker

Attested:

JUDITH WON PAT-BORJA Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this $\frac{.297h}{.1995}$, at $\underline{.4:50}$ o'clock \underline{P} .M.

Assistant Staff Officer Governor's Office

APPROVED:

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ Governor of Guam

Date: 12-5-95

Public Law No. _23-50



Bill No. 374 (LS)

Introduced by:

M. C. Charfauros J. P. Aguon <u>A. R. Unpingco</u>

AN ACT TO AMEND §1112.1, CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 12 GCA, RELATIVE TO RENAMING THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE TO AIRPORT POLICE.

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

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passage of this legislation will in no way reclassify these officers to a higher
 pay and in no way give more benefits to such officers. The Legislature
 recognizes that such classification and rectification must flow through the
 proper procedures and channels of the government of Guam.

5 Section 2. §1112.1 of 12 Guam Code Annotated is hereby amended to 6 read:

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"§1112.1 Airport Police.

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(b) There is hereby established, under the direction of the Guam Airport 15 Authority, Airport Police, which shall be responsible for the protection of 16 persons and property at the Guam International Air Terminal and all related 17 18 facilities, and which shall coordinate its activities with the Guam Police Department. The Board of Directors, pursuant to the Administrative 19 Adjudication Act, shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations regarding 20 security at the Guam International Air Terminal to promote the purposes of 21 this Act and rules and regulations regarding personnel, which shall be in 22 accordance with provisions of Title 4 GCA. Any violation of the rules and 23 24 regulations regarding security shall be a misdemeanor.

Notwithstanding any law, rules or regulations to the contrary, members of the Airport Police while on the premises and acting within their official capacity, shall have powers of peace officers, including, but not



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VOTING SHEET

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BLAZ, Anthony C.			-	
BROWN, Joanne S.				
CAMACHO, Felix P.				
CHARFAUROS, Mark C	•			
CRISTOBAL, Hope A.				
FORBES,~ MARK				
LAMORENA, Alberto C., V				<i>,</i>
LEON GUERRERO, Carlotta				
LEON GUERRERO, Lou				
NELSON, Ted S.				
ORSINI, Sonny L.				
PANGELINAN, Vicente C				
PARKINSON, Don				
SAN AGUSTIN, Joe T.				
SANTOS, Angel L. G.	,			
SANTOS, Francis E.				
UNPINGCO, Antonio R.			· · · ·	
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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

Recording Secretary

signed 12/5/95 P.L. 23-50

Senator Mark C. Charfauros

Chairman

Committee on Judiciary, Criminal Justice and Environmental Affairs

Twenty-Third Guam Legislature

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March 8, 1995

SPEAKER DON PARKINSON Twenty-Third Guam Legislature 155 Hesler St. Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Judiciary, Criminal Justice and Environmental Affairs to which was referred **Bill No. 61**, wishes to report back to the Legislature with its recommendation to pass **Bill No. 61** - "AN ACT TO RENAME THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE TO AIRPORT POLICE"

The voting record is as follows:

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TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE	_0

Copies of the Committee Report and other pertinent documents are attached.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Mark C. Charfauros

Attachments





Senator Mark C. Charfauros

Chairman

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Twenty-Third Guam Legislature

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March 8, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members

FROM: Chairman

SUBJECT: Committee Report - Bill No. 61 - AN ACT TO RENAME THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE TO AIRPORT POLICE

Transmitted herewith for your information and action is the Committee on Judiciary, Criminal Justice and Environmental Affairs' Report on the subject Bill.

The narrative report is accompanied by the following:

- 1. Original Bill 61;
- 2. Committee Voting Sheet;
- 3. Testimony and Sign-in Sheet
- 4. Public Hearing Notice.

Should you have any questions on the narrative report or the accompanying documents, I would be most happy to answer any of them.

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet and return the documents to my office for transmittal to the other members.

Your attention and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Mark C. CHARFAUROS

Attachments.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS 23rd Guam Legislature VOTING RECORD

Bill No. 61 - AN ACT TO RENAME THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE TO AIRPORT POLICE

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ANGEL L.G. SANTOS, Member				
DON PARKINSON, Ex-Officio Member				

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS *Twenty-Third Guam Legislature*

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COMMITTEE REPORT BILL NO. **61**

AN ACT TO RENAME THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE TO AIRPORT POLICE

March 8, 1995

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Judiciary, Criminal Justice and Environmental Affairs scheduled a public hearing on March 7, 1995 at 9:30 p.m. at the Legislative Public Hearing Room. Public notice was printed on March 6, 1995 issue of the PDN.

Members present were:

Senator Mark C. Charfauros, Chairman Senator Judith WonPat-Borja, Vice-Chairperson Senator Tom Ada Senator Ted S. Nelson Senator Ben Pangelinan Senator Lou Leon Guerrero Senator Tony Blaz Senator Joanne Brown Senator Tony Lamorena Senator Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson.

Appearing before the Committee to testify on Bill No. 61 were:

Eufoldo Suprales, Chief of Security, Guam Airport Authority Antonio Taitingfong, Asst. Chief of Security, Guam Airport Authority Frank San Nicolas, Parks and Recreation

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

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Eufoldo Suprales, Chief Suprales expressed his departments support for Bill 61. In His testimony he mentioned that not only will this bill affect the moral of the officers but more so the public preception. He further mentioned that many of these officers have gone through the same vigorous training as those in the Guam Police Department. Changing the name of the Airport Security Force will enhance their enforcement capabilities. The officers are often viewed by the public as merely security guards which put the officers in an ackward position.

Antonio Taitingfong, Mr. Taitingfong expressed his support for the Bill. In his testimony he emphasized that the word security often leads to the public's misconception. The Security Force also abides to federal regualtions that deal with the airport. They protect the incoming and outgoing travlers.

Frank San Nicolas, Mr. San Nicolas testified in favor of the bill to rename not only the Airport Security Force, but the Port Authority as well.

III. FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION

The Committee finds that the purpose of this Act is to enhance enforcement capabilities at the A.B. Won Pat Guam International Air Terminal. The Legislature finds that the Airport Security Force have full powers of arrest and have been highly trained in investigative duties. The Legislature finds that "security" is misleading to the public. The Legislature finds that to change to "police" will clearly correct this misconception. The Legislature further finds that the duties that the Security Force is tasked with are similar to the duties as the Guam Police Department.

Accordingly, the Committee on Judiciary, Criminal Justice and Environmental Affairs, to which was referred **Bill No. 61**, does hereby submit its findings and recommendation to the Twenty-Third Guam Legislature **TO DO PASS Bill No. 61** - AN ACT TO RENAME THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE TO AIRPORT POLICE



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Twenty-Third Guam Legislature 155 Hesler St., Agana, Guam 96910

January 26, 1995

MEMORANDUM

- TO: Chairperson, Committee on Judiciary, Criminal Justice and Environmental Affairs
- FROM: Chairman, Committee on Rules
- SUBJECT: Referral Bill No. 61

The above Bill is referred to your Committee as the principal committee. Please note that the referral is subject to ratification by the Committee on Rules at its next meeting. It is recommended you schedule a public hearing at your earliest convenience.

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TWENTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE 1995 (FIRST) REGULAR SESSION

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Bill No. <u>61</u>

Introduced by:

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M.C. Charfauros

AN ACT TO RENAME THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE TO AIRPORT POLICE.

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

SECTION 1. §1112.1 AND §1112.3 of 12 Guam Code Annotated is hereby amended to read:

"§1112.1 [Airport Security Force] Airport	Police.
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(a.) Purposes and Policies. The Underlying purposes and policies of this Act are to
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International Air Terminal and related facilities for civil aviation purposes on Guam and that [an
Airport Security Force] Airport Police is necessary to provide for the orderly and efficient
protection of persons and property and for the enforcement of the laws of Guam and rules and
regulations adopted pursuant to this Act.

(b.) There is hereby established, under the direction of the Guam Airport Authority, [and
 Airport Security Force] Airport Police, which shall be responsible for the protection of persons
 and property at the Guam International Air Terminal and all related facilities, and which shall
 coordinate its activities with the [Department of Public Safety] Guam Police Department. The
 Board of Directors, pursuant to the Administrative Adjudication Act, shall adopt reasonable rules



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and regulations regarding security at the Guam International Air Terminal to promote the purposes of this Act and rules and regulations regarding personnel, which shall be in accordance with provisions of Title 4 GCA. Any violation of the rules and regulations regarding security shall be a misdemeanor.

Notwithstanding any law, rules or regulations to the contrary, members of the [Airport
Security Force] Airport Police while on the premises and acting within their official capacity,
shall have powers of peace officers, including, but not limited to, the power to arrest, the power
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the Federal Aviation Administration and the Vehicle Code of Guam."

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WITNESS SIGN-IN SHEET

Tuesday, March 7, 1995 9:30 a.m. Public Hearing Room Guam Legislature, Agana

Bill No. 61: AN ACT TO RENAME THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE TO AIRPORT POLICE.

NAME (please print)	ORGANIZATION	ORAL/WRITTEN	
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TESTIMONY RELATIVE TO BILL 61 - AN ACT TO RENAME THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE TO AIRPORT POLICE

Good Morning, Chairman Charfauros, and members of the Committe on Judiciary, Criminal Justice and Environmental Affairs. For the record, my name is Ted Ybarra, Executive Manager of the Guam Airport Authority.

The Guam Airport Authority is very much in favor of this bill that will affect GAA personnel.

Changing the name of our Security Force will enhance our enforcement capabilities at the Antonio B. Won Pat Guam International Air Terminal. Our officers are often viewed by the public as merely security guards, which often puts the officers in an awkward position. Many of these officers have gone through the same vigorous training as those in the Guam Police Department. The only difference is that all of our officers are assigned to the same precinct. The use of the word











"security" often misleads the public, implying that an officer does not have certain law enforcement authorities. The change to "police" will clearly correct this misconception. It will also help the public understand the responsibilities of GAA peace officers.

Along with keeping up to speed on local laws, our officers are also responsible for being fluent in federal laws that apply to airports. They are also tasked with the responsibility of enforcing those laws. Officers in GPD, recognized by the public as peace officers, would have to go through specialized training for this knowledge. However, because of their limited jurisdiction, our specialized officers are not recognized as such. The passage of this bill will give them the recognition they deserve.

We appreciate the invitation and opportunity to present this testimony on behalf of our Airport personnel.

The Public is invited to attend
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 1995 Time: 9:30 a.m. Place: Public Hearing Room, Guam Legislature, 155 Hesler St. Agana
Bill No. 141: AN ACT TO RENAME THE PORT AUTHORITY SECURITY FORCE TO PORT AUTHORITY POLICE.
EMPLOYEE WITHIN THE CUSTOMS AND QUARANTINE AGENCY.
Bill No. 129: AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3127 OF TITLE 5 GCA, RELATIVE TO DETERMINING THE SENIOR CLASSIFIED
OF GUAM SHALL NOT, IN THE FUTURE, USE OR OCCUPY LANDS, RIGHTS OF WAY, OR EASEMENTS EXCEPT PURSUANT TO A LEASE, CONDEMNATION OR A GRANT.
Bill No. 93: AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION 1246 TO THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE OF GUAM TO ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT
Bill No. 61: AN ACT TO RENAME THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE TO AIRPORT POLICE.
ILLEGAL CRIMINAL OR UNETHICAL ACTS OR CONDUCT WHILE IN ELECTED OFFICE AND OTHERS.
 Bill No. 19. AN ACT, TO SEE THE PERIOD OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR
Mr. Reuben Cavan Mr. Robert San Acustin Public Hearing
of Directors: Mr. Andres Agreda Mr. Daniel B. Rtos Mr. Angel Orsini
Nominee to the Department of Law Attorney General: Mr. Calvin Elijah Holloway, Sr. Nominees to the Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board
Confirmation Hearing
and Enviornmental Affairs Twenty-Third Guam Legislature
Chairman Committee on Judiciary, Criminal Justice
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The Honorable Don Parkinson Speaker Twenty-Third Guam Legislature	RECEIVED BY MCC Date & Time: 0.40 4-3-25 PRINT NAME: On ton do
424 West O'Brien Drive Julale Center - Suite 222	OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT BECEIPT
Agana, Guam 96910	Received By
Dear Speaker Parkinson:	Time 10:40 Date 4/3/95

Enclosed please find Bill No. 61 (LS), "AN ACT TO RENAME THE AIRPORT. SECURITY FORCE THE AIRPORT POLICE" which I have **VETOED** in its entirety.

This bill, like Bill No. 141, appears to be cosmetic at first glance, renaming the Airport Security Force as the Airport Police, however, this renaming does imply more than a name change.

Bill No. 61 would enlarge the jurisdiction of the new Airport Police by stating that Airport officers would now enforce "all the laws of Guam". Currently, on Airport grounds, they have "the power to arrest, the power to enforce the Airport Rules and Regulations, the Security Program as required and approved by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Vehicle Code of Guam".

In order to enforce "all the laws of Guam", the Guam Police Department requires their officers to undergo a basic classroom training program of 450 hours, and additional practical field training for a total educational requirement of 840 hours in order to be qualified as police officers. By contrast, the Airport Security Force, even after being renamed Airport Police, would only need to undergo a training program of 120 hours.

Renaming the Airport Security Force as "Police" also implies that the officers would be paid at a higher salary, as are police officers of the Guam Police Department, and that higher retirement and other benefits would be

Speaker Parkinson/B6...vet page 2



paid. It also implies that hazardous pay should be applied. In these times of short cash, this would involve considerable expenditures on the part of the government.

Bill No. 61 circumvents the process that is already in place to reclassify positions in the government. The Hay Study has classified the present positions, and the new positions implied in the passage of this bill would not appear in this classification. Should the legislature deem it desirable for the Airport Security Force to "enforce all the laws of Guam", development of the position descriptions, training levels required, and other parameters of reclassifying these positions needs to be undertaken by the Civil Service Commission.

Bill No. 61 appears to have the cart before the horse.

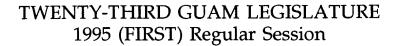
There are some technical corrections needed also in this bill. Section 1 purports to amend §1112.3 of Title 12, Guam Code Annotated. There is no such code section. Additionally, when the phrase "Airport Police" was substituted for "Airport Security Force", the verb"is" was not changed to "are", leaving behind grammatical errors.

Very truly yours,

Carl T. C. Gutierrez

Enclosure

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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Bill No. 61 (LS), "AN ACT TO RENAME THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE THE AIRPORT POLICE," was on the 17th day of March, 1995, duly and regularly passed.

DON PARKINSON Speaker

Attested:

JUDITH WON PAT-BORJA Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this <u>20</u> day of <u>March</u> 1995, at <u>2:39</u> o'clock <u>P</u>.M.

APPROVED: CARL T. C. GUNERREZ Governor of Guam Date: Public Law No.

Assistant Staff Officer Governor's Office



TWENTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE 1995 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 61 (LS) As substituted on the floor.

Introduced by:

M. C. Charfauros T. C. Ada J. P. Aguon E. Barrett-Anderson A.C.Blaz I. S. Brown F. P. Camacho H. A. Cristobal M. Forbes A. C. Lamorena C. Leon Guerrero L. Leon Guerrero T. S. Nelson S. L. Orsini V. C. Pangelinan D. Parkinson J. T. San Agustin A. L. G. Santos F. E. Santos A. R. Unpingco

J. Won Pat-Borja

AN ACT TO RENAME THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE THE AIRPORT POLICE.

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- 3 hereby amended to read:
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Section 2. All existing references to the Airport Security Force shall
hereafter be to the Airport Police.



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TWENTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE 1995 (FIRST) REGULAR SESSION

Bill No.<u>374</u> (25)

Introduced by:

M.C. Charfauros J.P. Aguon A.R. Unpingco

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