


**I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN**  
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**Bill No.** 230-32(COR)

Introduced by:

Michael F.Q. San Nicolas 

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**AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT THE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ESTABLISH A SECURE WEB-BASED COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL TO ALLOW AGENCIES TO SECURELY SHARE INFORMATION WITH AUTHORIZED RECIPIENTS BY *ADDING A NEW* SUBSECTION (j) TO §20204.1 OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 20, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.**

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**1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

**2 Section 1. Short Title.** This Act *shall* be referred to as the “Responsible  
**3 Secure Web-Based Communications Act”.**

**4 Section 2. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guáhan* finds  
**5** that secure web-based communications has the potential to greatly increase the  
**6** efficiency of government services, through improved inter-governmental  
**7** communications, intra-governmental communications, and communications with  
**8** people availing themselves of government services. There are agencies within the  
**9** government of Guam which could benefit from efficient web-based  
**10** communications for areas such as the referral of cases from employees of the  
**11** Department of Education to Child Protective Services. Due to the confidentiality  
**12** of such referrals, the current mechanism for transmission is hand delivery. The  
**13** establishment of secure web-based communication protocols across the  
**14** government would allow such communications to take place digitally.

1            *I Liheslatura* further finds that, under Public Law 32-10, the Chief  
2 Technology Officer of the Office of Technology has the responsibility to ensure  
3 the security of government information. There are discretionary duties which  
4 indicate that the Chief Technology Officer could mandate such secure  
5 communication protocols and *I Liheslatura* finds that it is imperative that the Chief  
6 Technology Officer do so to save government agencies and the people of Guam  
7 time, expense and effort.

8            It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to require the Chief  
9 Technology Officer to adopt standard security protocols for use by agencies of the  
10 government of Guam for the secure web-based transfer of confidential information  
11 from such agencies to authorized persons and agencies of the government of Guam  
12 and other governments, as applicable, by adding a new subsection (j) to §20204.1  
13 of Article 2, Chapter 20, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated.

14            **Section 3. Secure Web-Based Communications Protocol Required.** A  
15 *new* subsection (j) to §20204.1 of Article 2, Chapter 20, Title 5, Guam Code  
16 Annotated, is hereby *added*, to read:

17            “(j) The Chief Technology Officer *shall* adopt standard security protocols  
18 for use by agencies of the government of Guam for the secure web-based transfer  
19 of confidential information from such agencies to authorized persons and agencies  
20 of the government of Guam and other governments, as applicable, within ninety  
21 (90) days from the enactment of this Act. The Chief Technology Officer shall  
22 determine the cost of implementation of secure web-based transfer of confidential  
23 information on a per agency basis and report such findings to *I Liheslaturan*  
24 *Guåhan* to further determine financial feasibility of implementation.”