


**I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN**  
**2016 (SECOND) Regular Session**

Bill No. 300-33 <sup>(COR)</sup>  
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Introduced by:

N. B. Underwood, Ph.D. 

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE INDIVIDUAL SENATORS TO  
VOLUNTARILY REDUCE THEIR SALARIES BY STATUTE.**

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

**Section 1. Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds that the community of Guam has consistently expressed strong opposition to the enactment of P.L. 32-208, which increased the salaries of and awarded retroactive pay to elected officials. The public outcry resulted in the introduction of three bills, Bill 4-33, Bill 201-33 and Bill 204-33, all of which sought to repeal P.L. 32-208. However, those efforts failed to acquire the number of votes for passage. It is important to note that although Bill 4-33 passed, the final version, now Public Law 33-03, excludes the provision to reduce the salaries of elected and appointed officials.

*I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds that during deliberation on the aforementioned bills on session floor, it was suggested that senators who oppose the pay raise should voluntarily reduce their individual salaries. Further, ten senators expressed their willingness to reduce their salaries, evident by their voting record in favor of repealing provisions Public Law 32-208.

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1            *I Liheslaturan Guahan* further finds that precedence was set by P.L. 27-05,  
2 specifically Section 8 and Section 9, authorizing the reduction of salaries of  
3 senators.

4            Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to authorize individual  
5 senators to voluntarily reduce their salaries by statute, which were previously  
6 raised by P.L. 32-208.

7            **Section 2. Authorization.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule,  
8 regulation, policy or procedure, individual senators are hereby authorized to  
9 individually reduce their salaries statutorily set by P.L. 32-208. The total amount in  
10 which the senator voluntarily reduces their pay will be statutorily set for the  
11 remainder of the legislative term. At the start of every legislative term, individual  
12 senators will have the option to voluntarily reduce their salaries under statute of this  
13 section. Tax liability for an individual senator will be based on the amount to  
14 which they voluntarily reduce. The administrative procedures shall be developed  
15 by the respective authorities to comply with this Act.

16            **Section 3. Salary Savings to the Healthy Futures Fund.** The  
17 Department of Administration is authorized to receive such funds that may result  
18 from the reduction of salaries of individual senators as authorized in this Act, and  
19 shall deposit said amounts into the Healthy Futures Fund.

20            **Section 4. Effective Date.** Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule,  
21 regulation, policy or procedure, this Act *shall* become effective upon enactment.

22            **Section 5. Severability** If any provision of this Act or its application to any  
23 person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other  
24 provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid  
25 provision or application and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.