

MINA' TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 249 -33 (COR)

Introduced by:

D.G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. *ar*

**AN ACT TO MANDATE THE PAYMENT OF
COMPENSATION BENEFITS OF ANIMAL CONTROL
OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AS
PROVIDED PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 29-105.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Finding and Intent.

It was the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to ensure that the Public Safety and Law Enforcement Officials identified pursuant to P.L. 29-105 were compensated accordingly in order to recruit and retain individuals to carry out these vital services to the community through a gradual increase in compensation over a period of four (4) years from the date of enactment (August 14, 2008), so as to ensure for the island economy to absorb a graduated compensation increase.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan takes due note of the Civil Service Commission's August 6, 2015 ruling relative to Case No. 15-GRE-01, pursuant to the Stipulation of Settlement of July 2015, in favor of the Department of Agriculture personnel seeking the implementation of Public Law 29-105.

It is the continuing intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to extinguish this unfulfilled, outstanding obligation to the Animal Control Officers of the Department of Agriculture, and bring the Department into compliance with the CSC ruling on Case No. 15-GRE-01.

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1 **Section 2. Implementation of Public Law 29-105 for Animal Control**
2 **Officers.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule or regulation to the
3 contrary, the Department of Agriculture *shall* immediately adjust the compensation
4 of all Animal Control Officers due compensation adjustments and payment, as
5 provided pursuant to § 55102 of Chapter 55, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated (P.L.
6 29-105). Compensation *shall* be applied and provided retroactively to the date the
7 compensation adjustment was mandated to occur.

8 **Section 3. Authorization for Payment of Compensation Owed.** *I*
9 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan* may exercise his transfer authority from the Fiscal Year 2016
10 appropriations for the operation of the Executive Branch pursuant to P.L. 33-
11 66:XIII:9, for the payment of compensation pursuant to 10 GCA § 55102 for
12 Animal Control Officers. Payments to the affected Animal Control Officers may
13 be made in increments, pursuant to a mutual agreement outlining such
14 arrangements until such amounts due are completely extinguished.

15 The Director of the Department of Agriculture shall submit a report to *I*
16 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* on the total amount of payments made to extinguish the
17 compensation obligations to the Animal Control Officers of the department.