




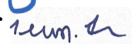


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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that trafficking narcotics and illicit drugs exists in Guam and such illegal activity has a substantial effect on the health and general welfare of the people of Guam. Narcotics and illicit drugs have consistently been intercepted in Guam. This shows that there is a continuous demand for consumption which in turn, clearly evidences that an ongoing criminal narcotic enterprise exist in Guam and potentially in the surrounding Micronesia region. The people of Guam will continue to be victimized by these criminal enterprises, more specifically by the importers, distributors and sellers who will at any cost ensure that the narcotic supply and demand is not interrupted; therefore, local law enforcement entities must unite and collaborate to detect, disrupt, and apprehend these criminal offenders.

1 It is incumbent upon the government to unify its law enforcement resources
2 and manpower. **MAULEG** creates a pool of resources capable of providing support
3 and expertise in utilizing critical intelligence, sources of information and
4 covert/undercover operations to determine areas of concerns to develop effective
5 strategies that allow for the identifying of perpetrators, detecting and disrupting the
6 efforts to import, distribute and the sale of narcotics and illicit drugs here in Guam.

7 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* calls on all Guamanians to take a united stand against
8 the trafficking of narcotics and illicit drugs here in Guam. Through vigilance and
9 collaboration, the Guam Police Department (GPD), joint federal task forces, i.e.
10 Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and Alcohol and Tobacco and Firearms (ATF),
11 and Guamanians everywhere can work alongside law enforcement offices to further
12 suppress narcotic and illicit drug activity.

13 Therefore, it is the intent of this legislation to establish and create the **Multi**
14 **Agency Law Enforcement Group (MAULEG)** made up of multi-agency law
15 enforcement personnel to aid in the suppression, importation, distribution and selling
16 of narcotics and illicit drugs in Guam.

17 **Section 2. Mission.** It is the mission of MAULEG to include the
18 supervision, detection, and disruption of narcotic and illicit drug activity through
19 vigilance, interagency collaboration and public awareness initiatives to further
20 support law enforcement duties to bring justice for all Guamanians.

21 **Section 3. Membership.** MAULEG *shall* be made up of the following:

- 22 ● Chairperson, Chief of Police, Guam Police Department
- 23 ● Co-Chairpersons:
 - 24 ○ Executive Director, POST Commission
 - 25 ○ Executive Director, Fusion Center
- 26 ● Member, Director, Department of Public Health and
27 Social Services

- 1 ● Member, Director, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness
- 2 Center
- 3 ● Member, Director, Guam Customs and Quarantine
- 4 Agency
- 5 ● Member, Chief of Airport Police, AB Won Pat
- 6 International Airport Authority
- 7 ● Member, Port Police Chief, Port Authority of Guam
- 8 ● Member, Director, Department of Corrections
- 9 ● Member, Superintendent, Parks and Recreation
- 10 ● Member, Director, Department of Youth Affairs
- 11 ● Member, Homeland Security Advisor, Guam Homeland
- 12 Security
- 13 ● Member, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation
- 14 ● Member, Director, Department of Agriculture
- 15 *and*
- 16 ● Member, Executive Director, Mayor’s Council of Guam

17 **Section 4. Funding.** MAULEG may solicit, apply to, or accept grants of
18 money or materials or property of any kind from the federal government, the
19 government of Guam, any agency or political subdivision of the government of
20 Guam or any person or business upon the terms and conditions imposed by the
21 grantor. The task force shall establish and collect fees for the services it performs.

22 **Section 5. Establishment of MAULEG.**

23 (a) MAULEG is hereby established, comprising law enforcement
24 personnel from local law enforcement agencies from the island of Guam, joint
25 federal task forces, and other relevant agencies as deemed necessary to aid in the
26 suppression, the importation, distribution, and selling of narcotics and illicit drugs
27 in Guam.

1 (b) MAULEG shall operate with the objective of maintaining the safety
2 and security of the people of Guam through a collaborative, proactive enforcement
3 approach.

4 **Section 6. Public Website Creation, Establishment and Administration.**

5 (a) As used in this Section:

6 (1) Website means the “MAULEG Public Notice Website” created
7 under this Section.

8 (b) There is created the “MAULEG Public Notice Website” to be
9 administered by the Office of Technology.

10 (c) The website shall provide assistance to the public to find posted *public*
11 warrants for public agencies of the government of Guam, and its political
12 subdivisions, as required under Title 5, Chapter 8, the Open Government Law.

13 (d) OTECH shall create the website which shall:

14 (1) allow a public agency, or other certified entity, to easily post any
15 public notice information that the public body or other entity is required to
16 post under statute;

17 (2) allow the public to search the public notices by:

18 (A) individual name;

19 (B) date of posting of warrant;

20 (C) date of any meeting or deadline included as part of the
21 public notice of the Guam Courts; and

22 (D) any other criteria approved by the MAULEG commission;

23 (3) allow the public to search and view past, archived public notices;

24 (4) allow a person to subscribe to receive updates and notices
25 associated with a public body or a particular type of notice;

26 (5) be easily accessible by the public from the government of Guam
27 and Guam Legislature home pages;

- 1 (6) have a unique and simplified website address;
- 2 (7) be directly accessible via a link from the main page of the official
- 3 government website; and
- 4 (8) include other links, features, or functionality that will assist the
- 5 public in obtaining and reviewing information in relation to public
- 6 notices posted on the website, as may be approved by the Department
- 7 of Administration.

8 (E) MAULEG shall be responsible for:

- 9 (1) establishing and maintaining the website, including the provision
- 10 of equipment, resources, and personnel as is necessary;
- 11 (2) providing a mechanism for public agencies to have access to the
- 12 website for the purpose of posting and modifying notices; and
- 13 (3) maintaining an archive of all notices posted to the website.

14 (f) The time period for posting and the content of the public

15 notices posted to the website shall be the responsibility of the public

16 agency or other entity posting the notice. The agency or entity posting

17 or publishing the public notice required under this Section must meet

18 all the requirements for public notice under the Open Government Law.

19 **Section 7. Oversight and Coordination.**

20 (a) The Chairman, in consultation with both Co-Chairpersons and members

21 of the participating agencies, shall oversee the preparedness, planning, and

22 provisions of the task force.

23 (b) The task force shall operate in accordance with the authority vested in

24 the Governor of Guam, as outlined in Section §1422 of the Organic Act of Guam.

25 **Section 8. Augmentation of Sworn Officers.**

26 (a) The General Manager of GIAA, General Manager of PAG, Director of

27 the Department of Agriculture, and Director of the Department of Parks &

1 Recreation shall identify sworn peace officers from their respective agencies to
2 augment the Guam Police Department.

3 (b) The Chief of Police and the identified Directors and General Managers
4 shall meet within thirty-one (31) days of the issuance of this Act to determine the
5 number of sworn peace officers to be assigned to the Guam Police Department.

6 (c) Sworn peace officers assigned to the task force shall operate under the
7 Chairman MALEG, he/she who is also the Chief of Police of the Guam Police
8 Department, and adhere to GPD's general orders, standard operating procedures, unit
9 directives, and the laws of Guam.

10 **Section 9. Community Collaboration.** *I Liheslaturan Guahån* recognizes
11 the vital role of community collaboration in ensuring public safety and combating
12 narcotic and illicit drug activity within Guam. GPD, in conjunction with MAULEG,
13 shall actively engage with community members and neighborhood watch programs
14 to promote vigilance, awareness, and cooperation in the fight against the trafficking
15 of narcotics and illicit drugs.

16 The Chairman, with the approval of the Vice Chairmen, shall establish
17 guidelines that will enable a designated officer within membership to deputize and
18 direct the assistance of any able-bodied person participating in a recognized
19 neighborhood watch program to aid in maintaining law and order. The neighborhood
20 watch program participants, hereafter referred to as "Deputized Civilians," shall
21 undergo appropriate training and screening processes as determined by the GPD to
22 ensure their suitability for deputization:

23 (1) Deputized Civilians shall possess limited law enforcement
24 powers solely for the purpose of assisting MAULEG officers in emergency
25 situations or as directed by law enforcement authorities. These powers shall
26 include but not be limited to:

1 (a) Reporting suspicious activities to law enforcement
2 authorities.

3 (b) Assisting in maintaining public order and safety under the
4 direction of MAULEG officers.

5 (c) Providing support in emergency response situations as
6 deemed necessary by law enforcement authorities.

7 (2) Deputized Civilians shall be provided with identification and any
8 necessary equipment by the Guam Police Department to clearly indicate their
9 status and authority while engaged in official activities.

10 (3) GPD shall establish protocols for the coordination,
11 communication, and oversight of Deputized Civilians' activities to ensure
12 compliance with legal and ethical standards.

13 (4) *I Liheslaturan Guahån* encourages all Guamanians to actively
14 participate in neighborhood watch programs and support initiatives aimed at
15 enhancing community safety and security.

16 **Section 10. Salaries and Benefits.** The respective agencies shall
17 ensure that the salaries and benefits of the affected sworn peace officers are
18 maintained during their temporary reassignment.

19 **Section 11. Logistical and Equipment Support.** The government shall
20 provide the sworn officers with emergency and first aid outfits, weapons, motor
21 vehicles, and all other supplies and equipment necessary to carry out the mission of
22 the Department. All such property shall remain the property of the government.
23 When any Department property, supplies or equipment becomes surplus, obsolete,
24 or unused, it shall be disposed of as provided by law. However, if deemed not doable,
25 law enforcement agency directors and General Managers of the participating
26 agencies shall provide necessary logistical, and equipment support to efficiently and
27 effectively carry out the provisions of this Act.

1 **Section 12. Training and Supplies.** The Chief of Police shall ensure that all
2 reassigned sworn peace officers receive required training from the Guam Police
3 Department to effectively carry out their duties under this Act.

4 **Section 13. Authority and Duration.**

5 (a) Sworn law enforcement personnel assigned to MAULEG shall
6 discharge their duties and responsibilities in accordance with relevant sections
7 of the Guam Code Annotated and federal laws.

8 (b) GPD uniformed manpower requirements for the jurisdiction of
9 Guam in consideration of size and population is 520 personnel.

10 (c) This assignment shall take effect upon “*officers on the beat,*
11 *officers on the street*”: If GPD *cannot* maintain a manning requirement of 364
12 uniformed officers (70% percent) for shift requirements, MAULEG will be
13 immediately activated and remain in effect until recommended to cease by the
14 Chairman, and approved by both Co-Chairmen when the need for
15 augmentation is no longer required.

16 **Section 14. Reporting.** MAULEG shall submit reports on its activities and
17 achievements to the Office of the Governor, the Guam Legislature, Office of the
18 Attorney General, and to the people of Guam via written and electronic notice.

19 **(A) Timeline for Submission**

20 MAULEG shall submit its report no later than thirty-one (31) calendar days after the
21 activation of the task force.

22 **(B) Content Guidelines**

23 The report submitted by MAULEG shall include, but not be limited to, the
24 following:

- 25 (i) Overview of activities undertaken during the reporting period.
- 26 (ii) Achievements and milestones reached.
- 27 (iii) Challenges faced and strategies employed to overcome them.

- 1 (iv) Summary of resources utilized, including financial expenditures.
- 2 (v) Statistical data on crime rates, arrests made, and cases solved.
- 3 (vi) Collaborative efforts with other law enforcement agencies or relevant
- 4 entities.
- 5 (vii) Recommendations for improvements or enhancements in law
- 6 enforcement strategies.
- 7 (viii) Any other information deemed relevant by MAULEG.

8 **(C) Design Guidelines**

9 (a) The report submitted by MAULEG shall adhere to the following design

10 guidelines:

- 11 (i) Clarity and comprehensibility for the general public.
- 12 (ii) Use of visual aids such as charts, graphs, and tables to enhance
- 13 understanding.
- 14 (iii) Accessibility in both written and electronic formats.
- 15 (iv) Compliance with applicable laws and regulations regarding data
- 16 protection and confidentiality.
- 17 (v) Consistency in formatting and presentation across different sections of
- 18 the report.

19 **(D) Implementation and Enforcement**

20 (a) The Office of the Governor, Guam Legislature, and Office of the

21 Attorney General shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this Act.

22 (b) Failure to comply with the reporting obligations outlined in this Act

23 may result in penalties as determined by relevant authorities.

24 **Section 15. Confidentiality of Records.** Names, photographs, records and

25 police reports compiled under this Act are confidential and exempt from public

26 inspection except:

- 27 (a) as ordered by a court; or

1 (b) as required or provided in the ‘Freedom of Information Act’ or
2 ‘Sunshine Act’; or

3 (c) as required or provided for under Federal law

4 **Section 16. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to
5 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity
6 *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect
7 without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
8 Act are severable.

9 **Section 17. Codification of Provision.** The Compiler of Laws shall
10 incorporate the provisions contained in the aforementioned sections into the
11 appropriate codes of the Guam Code Annotated.