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Bill No. 194-31 (cov)

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO AMEND §15409 OF TITLE 4 GCA;  
RELATIVE TO APPOINTING THE GUAM ELECTION  
COMMISSION AS THE MAIN REPOSITORY FOR  
CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION FOR ELECTED  
AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS WHO COMPLETE THE  
ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM.**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 **Section 1. § 15409 of Title 4 GCA is hereby *amended* to read:**

3 **§ 15409. Applicability of Ethics in Government Program.**

4 (a) Any person who is an elected official of the government of Guam shall  
5 attend an ethics in government program within ninety (90) days of taking  
6 office. Additionally, elected officials shall undergo refresher ethics in  
7 government program at least once every four (4) years. The Guam Ethics  
8 Commission ("Commission") may grant permission for an elected official to  
9 attend a later program for good cause shown. ~~The Commission shall award a~~  
10 ~~certificate of completion to those completing the program.~~

11 (b) Any person who is appointed to a position as board or commission  
12 member, including autonomous agencies, director, deputy director, or by  
13 whatever title denotes the head and first assistant of a government of Guam  
14 agency, department, public corporation, Authority, or any other entity of the  
15 executive branch, shall attend an ethics in government program within the first

1 six (6) months of his or her confirmation. Additionally, appointed officials  
2 shall undergo refresher ethics in government program at least once every four  
3 (4) years. The Commission may grant permission for an appointed official to  
4 attend a later program for good cause shown. ~~The Commission shall award a~~  
5 ~~certificate of completion to those completing the program.~~

6 (c) The Guam Election Commission shall be the main repository for  
7 Certificates of Completion for all officials that have attended the required Ethics in  
8 Government Program. A statement required to be filed under this section shall be  
9 verified in the manner permitted by §4308 of Title 6, GCA (Unsworn Declaration  
10 Under Penalty of Perjury) and submitted within ninety (90) days following an  
11 election or confirmation stating that they completed or will complete the program  
12 within six (6) months and they will submit the certificate of completion to the  
13 Guam Election Commission following completion of the program.

14 (d) All Certificates of Completion and Statements filed pursuant to this  
15 Section shall be maintained by the Guam Election Commission as public  
16 records available for inspection. Copies of these Certificates of Completion  
17 or Statement shall be furnished to the public, upon the payment of reasonable  
18 copying fees. The Executive Director of the Guam Election Commission  
19 shall issue an annual report to the Speaker of the I Liheslaturan Guahan, I  
20 Magalahen Guahan, and the Public Auditor, that an official has filed his  
21 Certificate of Completion as required by this Chapter.