

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 76-32 (COR)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM THAT WILL ENSURE THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MANDATES OF THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION COMMISSION, AND PROVIDING AMENDMENTS THEREIN, IN ORDER TO REQUIRE THE TIMELY COMPENSATION OF CRIME VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR INJURIES INCURRED; THROUGH AMENDING §§161.15, §§161.125 AND §§161.130 OF TITLE 8, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. §§161.15 of Chapter 161 of Title 8, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“§ 161.15. Creation of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission. There is, within the government of Guam, a Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission (Commission’) which shall be composed of five (5) members appointed by I Maga’lahen Guåhan with the advice and consent of I Liheslantura. ~~One (1) member of the Commission shall be an attorney who has been admitted to practice in Guam for at least five (5) years. The Commission is within the Department of Law for administrative purposes.~~ Annually, the members shall elect a chairperson of the Commission.

1 (a) In the absence of a quorum or minimum of three appointed
2 members of the Commission, the Attorney General or his Deputy are
3 hereby granted the same powers and authority under this Chapter to
4 carry out the purposes and requirements of this Chapter.

5 Section 2. §§161.125 of Chapter 161 of Title 8, Guam Code Annotated,
6 relative to Commission staff is hereby amended to read as follow:

7 “§§161.125. **Commission Staff.** Supervisory, administrative and clerical
8 personnel necessary for the efficient functioning of the Commission may be
9 appointed, by the Attorney General. The Department of Law or Office of the
10 Attorney General shall provide administrative support for the effective
11 operation of the Commission.

12 Section 3. §§161.130 of Chapter 161 of Title 8, Guam Code Annotated,
13 relative to providing periodic reports on Commission activities, is hereby amended
14 to read as follow:

15 “§§161.130. Semi-Annual Report. The Attorney General shall transmit
16 semi-annually to I Maga’lahi and to I Liheslatura a report of the Commission’s
17 activities under this Chapter, including the name of each applicant, a brief
18 description of the facts in each case, and the amount, if any, of compensation
19 awarded. Such reports shall be due no later than January 30 and June 30 of
20 each year. The Attorney General shall transmit the report, together with a
21 tabulation of the total amount of compensation awarded, ~~and a proposed bill~~
22 ~~appropriating funds necessary to replenish the Fund for the compensation~~
23 ~~awarded.~~