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AN ACT TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN POSITIONS AT
THE GUAM HOUSING AND URBAN RENEWAL
AUTHORITY AS "EMERGENCY FIRST
RESPONDERS" SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF
RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY AT PUBLIC
HOUSING UNITS.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

1 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. Public Law 30-55,
2 Chapter XIII, Section 14 states in part: *"that except when expressly permitted*
3 *by Section 1103(d) of Chapter 1, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, no government of*
4 *Guam owned, leased or rented vehicles may be driven home by an employee unless*
5 *such employee is on call as an emergency first responder".* The term
6 "emergency first responder" generally refers to public safety personnel
7 such as police officers, firefighters, and the like. The Guam Housing and
8 Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA) is federally mandated to respond to
9 and abate emergency calls to public housing units when needed.
10 Emergency situations such as sewer backups into units require immediate

1 attention and if not rectified poses a health and safety hazard to the general
2 public. Statutory language defining “emergency responders” do not
3 recognize GHURA personnel as such and therefore are not able to respond
4 to emergency situations after regular business hours. It is *I Liheslaturan*
5 *Guahan’s* intent to designate certain positions at GHURA as emergency first
6 responders to meet federal mandates and to not jeopardize any federal
7 funding to the Authority.

8 **Section 2. Designation as Emergency First Responders.**

9 Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the following positions at the
10 Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority shall be considered
11 Emergency First Responders:

12 AMP 1 – 4 (On call maintenance worker/property site manager)
13 Deputy Director (Asset Manager)

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15 **Section 3. Restrictions.** The executive Director of GHURA is
16 directed to establish rules and regulations pertaining to the use of
17 government vehicles after regular business hours. The Director shall
18 reference the guidelines mandated in Section 1103 of Chapter 1, Title 4,
19 Guam Code Annotated.

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