

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
BILL STATUS

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91-38 (COR) As amended by Committee on Public Safety, Emergency Management, and Guam National Guard; and further amended on the Floor.	Joe S. San Agustin V. Anthony Ada Tina Rose Muña Barnes Vincent A. V. Borja Jesse A. Lujan Christopher M. Dueñas William A. Parkinson Therese M. Terlaje Shelly V. Calvo Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Chris Barnett Frank F. Blas, Jr.	AN ACT TO <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 63201(n), AND TO <i>AMEND</i> § 63202(a) AND § 63203(a), ALL OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 63, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GUAM NATIONAL GUARD LEADERSHIP.	3/14/25 1:10 p.m.	3/21/25	Committee on Public Safety, Emergency Management, and Guam National Guard.	Waiver: 3/21/25	5/20/25 8:30 a.m.	8/8/25 As Amended.	
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THE HON. FRANK BLAS, JR., Speaker
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38th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
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Re: Bill No. 91-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 63201(n), AND TO AMEND §§ 63202(a) AND 63203(a), ALL OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 63, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GUAM NATIONAL GUARD LEADERSHIP."

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

Bill No. 91-38 recognizes the need for any person nominated to hold the office of The Adjutant General (TAG) to have a strong connection with Guam and its unique place in the world, particularly in the defense of the United States. To achieve this objective, the bill mandates that any nominee must have served in the Guam National Guard for a minimum of five (5) years, or if serving on active duty, to have kept their home of record as Guam. This will help ensure the nominee has strong connections to our island. Individuals who serve on active duty have no control over where they serve, but designating Guam as their home of record is evidence of their intent to return home upon the completion of their service. The members of the Guam National Guard are entitled to have a TAG that understands their culture and the sacrifices they are making in service to Guam and the United States.

For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 91-38 (COR) into law as **Public Law No. 38-68**.

Senseramente,


JOSHUA F. TENORIO

I Åkto Maga'låhen Guåhan
Acting Governor of Guam



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cc via email: The *Honorable* Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam
Compiler of Laws

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

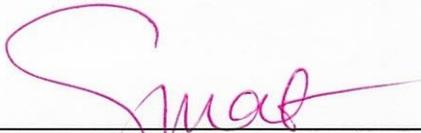
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 91-38 (COR)**, “AN ACT TO *ADD A NEW § 63201(n)*, AND TO *AMEND §§ 63202(a) AND 63203(a)*, ALL OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 63, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GUAM NATIONAL GUARD LEADERSHIP,” was on the 3rd day of October 2025, duly and regularly passed.



Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Attested:



Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 7th day of October, 2025, at 4:40 o'clock P.M.



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Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:



Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 10/17/2025

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Bill No. 91-38 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Public Safety,
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and further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
ESTABLISHING QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR THE GUAM NATIONAL GUARD LEADERSHIP.**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
3 recognizes that the Adjutant General and Assistant Adjutant General are critical
4 leadership roles within the Guam National Guard (GUNG). They are responsible for

1 overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Guard, ensuring its readiness, and
2 fostering the professional development of its service members. These positions
3 require a unique combination of military experience, strong leadership skills, and a
4 deep understanding of Guam's distinct geopolitical and cultural context.

5 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that in order to embrace such characteristics,
6 Guam law shall be updated requiring GUNG leadership to have Guam as their Home
7 of Record or have served in the Guam National Guard at least for a term of not less
8 than five (5) years. This requirement ensures that appointees have a comprehensive
9 understanding of the island's needs, challenges, and opportunities, and are well-
10 positioned to lead the Guam National Guard with insight and effectiveness.

11 Therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* is to establish a transparent
12 and accountable process for the appointment of the Guam National Guard top
13 leadership that reflects the values and priorities of the people of Guam. It is designed
14 to ensure that the individuals selected for these critical roles are not only qualified
15 but also deeply connected to the community they serve, fostering public trust and
16 reinforcing commitment to responsible governance and leadership.

17 **Section 2.** A new § 63201(n) is *added* to Article 2 of Chapter 63, Title 10,
18 Guam Code Annotated, to read:

19 **“§ 63201. The Adjutant General.**

20 The Adjutant General shall be appointed by *I Maga'hågan/Maga'låhen*
21 *Guåhan*, subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, and shall
22 have such rank and qualifications as *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* may prescribe,
23 and he shall:

24 (a) be, or have been, a Federally recognized commissioned
25 officer in the Army or Air Force or their Reserve components in the
26 grade of at least Lieutenant Colonel (O-5, Promotable) pursuant to

1 Army or Air Force promotion regulations and policies at the time of
2 appointment;

3 (b) be promoted in the Guam Army or Air National Guard, as
4 appropriate, at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief, to a grade not
5 to exceed Lieutenant General (O-9);

6 (c) serve until such time as his replacement is appointed by *I*
7 *I Maga'hågan/Maga'låhen Guåhan* or until he resigns;

8 (d) issue and promulgate regulations in furtherance of the
9 provisions of this Title (The regulations shall take effect by Executive
10 Order of *I I Maga'hågan/Maga'låhen Guahan*. The provisions of the
11 Administrative Adjudication Law shall not apply to the issuance and
12 promulgation of regulations of the Department of Military Affairs.);

13 (e) be the senior commander, under the Commander-in-Chief
14 of the Guam National Guard, and be responsible for the training of all
15 members and units of the Guam National Guard for both Federal and
16 Guam missions;

17 (f) be the paymaster general and be charged with all
18 disbursements of pay and allowances for the service of the troops when
19 in the service of Guam;

20 (g) give his entire time to the management of the Department
21 of Military Affairs;

22 (h) have such military and civilian assistants and clerks as
23 may be required to properly conduct the operation of his department;

24 (i) issue and transmit and keep a record of all orders and
25 regulations of the Commander-in-Chief and the Department of Military
26 Affairs pertaining to the Guam National Guard;

1 (j) keep a record of all appointments, commissions and
2 warrants of officers and appointments of non-commissioned officers
3 and shall have general charge of recruiting and records of enlistments
4 and discharges;

5 (k) keep the military history of the Guam National Guard and
6 personnel records of each individual member thereof;

7 (l) have charge of all correspondence and records pertaining
8 to the Department of Military Affairs, and file for record all reports and
9 records of all active service performed by members of the Guam
10 National Guard in the service of Guam or of the United States; and

11 (m) direct and have charge of all purchase of military supplies
12 and stores, subject to the purchasing procedure of the government of
13 Guam.

14 (n) be a citizen of the United States and shall have Guam as
15 his or her Home of Record or served in the Guam National Guard at
16 least for a term of not less than five (5) years prior to appointment.”

17 **Section 3.** § 63202(a) of Article 2, Chapter 63, Title 10, Guam Code
18 Annotated, is *amended* to read:

19 **“§ 63202. Assistant Adjutant General for Army.**

20 The Assistant Adjutant General for Army shall be recommended by the
21 Adjutant General to *I Maga'hågan/Maga'låhen Guåhan*, and he shall:

22 (a) be a citizen of the United States and shall have Guam as
23 his or her Home of Record or served in the Guam National Guard for a
24 term of not less than five (5) years prior to appointment;

25 (b) hold the rank of Colonel, which is Federally recognized;

1 (c) be promoted to a rank not to exceed Brigadier General at
2 the discretion of *I Maga'hågan/Maga'låhen Guåhan* as Commander-
3 in-Chief of the Guam National Guard; and

4 (d) perform such military duties as the Commander of the
5 Guam Army National Guard, under the direction of the Adjutant
6 General and shall perform such other military duties as may be required
7 of him by the Adjutant General. The Assistant Adjutant General for
8 Army shall be under the supervision and control of the Adjutant
9 General. When so designated by *I Maga'hågan/Maga'låhen Guåhan*,
10 the Assistant Adjutant General shall be the acting Adjutant General
11 during the Adjutant General's absence from Guam or during the
12 unavailability of the Adjutant General due to illness or incapacitation."

13 **Section 4.** § 63203(a) of Article 2, Chapter 63, Title 10, Guam Code
14 Annotated, is *amended* to read:

15 **"§ 63203. Assistant Adjutant General for Air.**

16 The Assistant Adjutant General for Air shall be appointed by the
17 Adjutant General and he shall:

18 (a) Be a citizen of the United States and shall have Guam as
19 his or her Home of Record or served in the Guam National Guard for a
20 term of not less than five (5) years prior to appointment;

21 (b) Be qualified for immediate federal recognition as a
22 colonel; and

23 (c) Be promoted to a rank not to exceed Brigadier General at
24 the discretion of *I Maga'hågan/Maga'låhen Guåhan* as Commander-
25 in-Chief of the Guam National Guard, and perform such military duties
26 as the Commander of the Guam Air National Guard, under the direction

1 of the Adjutant General, and shall perform all such military duties as
2 may be required of him by the Adjutant General.”

3 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* be effective upon enactment.

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