TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Regular Session, 2023	H. B. 23-	

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend the Department of Public Safety's time period to produce police traffic and criminal investigation reports from 10 days to 3 days.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE 23RD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1	Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Commonwealth Legislature finds
2	that an officer who investigates a crime or vehicle accident as to which a report is
3	required by law, or who otherwise prepares a written report shall forward a written
4	report to the bureau within 10 days of the start of the investigation. This period of
5	time is usually too lengthy and may permit unnecessary delays. Accordingly, the
6	purpose of this legislation is to require that the Department of Public Safety produce
7	required reports within 3 days unless there is a written request to extend this time
8	period for good cause.
9	Section 2. Amendment. 9 CMC § 6105 (a) of the Commonwealth Code is
10	hereby amended to be read as follows:
11	"§ 6105. Police to Report.

1		(a) Every department officer who investigates a vehicle accident as
2		to which a report is required by this division, or who otherwise prepares a
3		written report as a result of an investigation either at the time of and at the
4		scene of the accident or thereafter by interviewing the participants or
5		witnesses, shall forward a written report of the accident to the bureau DPS
6		Firearms & Records Section within 10 3 days after the investigation of the
7		accident unless an extension is requested in writing and supported by good
8		cause"
9		Section 3. Enactment. Subject to codification by the CNMI Law Revision
10	Comm	sission the following provision is hereby enacted into law:
11		"§ 101. Police to Report-Generally.
11 12		"§ 101. Police to Report-Generally.(a) Every department officer who investigates as required by law, or
12		(a) Every department officer who investigates as required by law, or
12 13		(a) Every department officer who investigates as required by law, or who otherwise prepares a written report as a result of an investigation either
12 13 14		(a) Every department officer who investigates as required by law, or who otherwise prepares a written report as a result of an investigation either at the time of, or at the scene of the alleged crime or accident or thereafter
12 13 14 15		(a) Every department officer who investigates as required by law, or who otherwise prepares a written report as a result of an investigation either at the time of, or at the scene of the alleged crime or accident or thereafter by interviewing the participants or witnesses, shall forward a written report
12 13 14 15 16		(a) Every department officer who investigates as required by law, or who otherwise prepares a written report as a result of an investigation either at the time of, or at the scene of the alleged crime or accident or thereafter by interviewing the participants or witnesses, shall forward a written report to the DPS Firearms & Records Section within 3 days after the investigation
12 13 14 15 16 17		(a) Every department officer who investigates as required by law, or who otherwise prepares a written report as a result of an investigation either at the time of, or at the scene of the alleged crime or accident or thereafter by interviewing the participants or witnesses, shall forward a written report to the DPS Firearms & Records Section within 3 days after the investigation concludes unless an extension is requested in writing and supported by good

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supported by good cause, and granted by the officer's supervising officer,

1	shall be penalized by a suspension without pay for a period of not more than		
2	3 days for the responsible officer and his/her supervising officer."		
3	Section 4. Severability. If any provisions of this Act or the application of		
4	any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court		
5	of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its		
6	provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid		
7	shall not be affected thereby.		
8	Section 5. Savings Clause. This Act and any repealer contained herein		
9	shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or		
10	acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted		
11	under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding		
12	instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have		
13	the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal,		
14	which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.		
15	Section 6. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by		
16	the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.		
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