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Dear Speaker Won Pat:

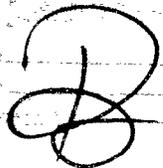
Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 99-30(COR) "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION §7120.3 TO CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATES" which I signed into law on November 27, 2009 as **Public Law 30-62**.

*Sins eru yan Magåhet,*

FELIX P. CAMACHO  
I Maga'låhen Guåhan  
Governor of Guam

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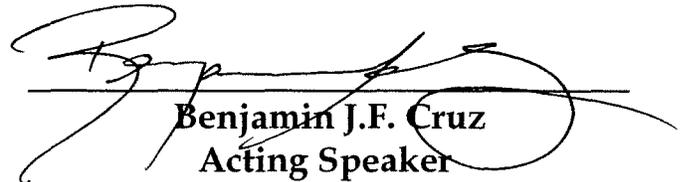
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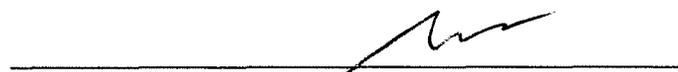
I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 99-30 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §7120.3 TO CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATES," was on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009, duly and regularly passed.

  
Benjamin J.F. Cruz  
Acting Speaker

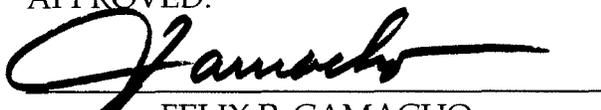
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Rory J. Respicio  
Acting Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* this 17 day of Nov., 2009, at  
4:25 o'clock P.M.

  
Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'lahi's Office*

APPROVED:

  
FELIX P. CAMACHO  
*I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*

Date: 27 Nov 2009

Public Law No. 30-62

***I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2009 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 99-30 (COR)**

As amended by the Committee on Appropriations,  
Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement and Land,  
and further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

v. c. pangelinan  
T. C. Ada  
T. R. Muña Barnes  
F. B. Aguon, Jr.  
F. F. Blas, Jr.  
E. J.B. Calvo  
B. J.F. Cruz  
J. V. Espaldon  
Judith P. Guthertz, DPA  
Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr.  
M. J. Rector  
R. J. Respicio  
Ray Tenorio  
Telo Taitague  
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

**AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW §7120.3 TO CHAPTER 7,  
TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,  
RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL  
GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATES.**

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2 they paid for our freedom.

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that those who have given us the  
4 ultimate sacrifice in the battlefield left behind families who keep the memory of  
5 their courage alive, never forgetting their loss. To distinguish these families and to  
6 symbolize their loss, the federal government in Section 1126 of Title 10, United  
7 States Code established the gold star lapel button which was typically used to  
8 symbolize a mother’s grief that lost a child to conflict.

9 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to additionally  
10 distinguish these members of our community by the issuance of special gold star  
11 license plates to families on Guam who have lost loved ones engaged in war  
12 operations.

13 **Section 2.** A new §7120.3, Chapter 7, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, is  
14 hereby *added* to read:

15 **“§7120.3. Special Gold Star License Plates.** (a) The Motor  
16 Vehicle Division of the Department of Revenue and Taxation *shall*, upon  
17 application, issue gold star license plates. The type and style of the gold star  
18 plates *shall* be determined by the Director of the Department of Revenue and  
19 Taxation and the Office of Veterans Affairs, except that a gold star *shall*  
20 appear on one (1) side of the plate. Applicants *shall* apply on forms  
21 prescribed by the Director of the Department of Revenue and Taxation, and  
22 the applicant’s eligibility will be certified by the Office of Veterans Affairs.  
23 The plates *shall* be re-issued *only* to the original holder of the plates. The  
24 Director of the Department of Revenue and Taxation *may* adopt rules to  
25 implement the provisions of this Section. Except for a new *or* renewed  
26 registration, applications for the issuance of gold star plates *shall* be  
27 processed in the order received by the Department subject to normal

1 workflow considerations. The fee for the issuance of gold star plates *shall*  
2 *not exceed* the fee charged for a similar license plate for the same class of  
3 vehicle.

4 (b) Eligibility for Issuance. Gold Star License Plates *shall only* be  
5 issued to parents, inclusive of mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, and  
6 mother through adoption, father through adoption, and foster parents who  
7 stood *in loco parentis* of members of the armed services:

8 (1) who lost their lives during World War I, World War II,  
9 *or* during any subsequent period of armed hostilities in which the  
10 United States was engaged before July 1, 1958;

11 (2) who lost their lives after June 30, 1958: —

12 (a) while engaged in an action against an enemy of the  
13 United States;

14 (b) while engaged in military operations involving  
15 conflict with an opposing foreign force; or

16 (c) while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in  
17 an armed conflict in which the United States is *not* a belligerent  
18 party against an opposing armed force; or

19 (3) who lost their lives after March 28, 1973, as a result of:

20 (a) an international terrorist attack against the United  
21 States *or* a foreign nation friendly to the United States,  
22 recognized as such an attack by the Secretary of Defense; or

23 (b) military operations while serving outside the United  
24 States (including the commonwealths, territories, and  
25 possessions of the United States) as part of a peacekeeping  
26 force.”

1           **Section 3. Severability.** *If* any provisions of this Act or the application  
2 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall *not*  
3 affect any other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect  
4 without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
5 Act are severable.

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**I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN**  
**2009 (FIRST) Regular Session**

Date: Nov. 13, 2009

**VOTING SHEET**

Bill No. 99-30 (COR)

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	NOT VOTING/ ABSTAINED	OUT DURING ROLL CALL	ABSENT
ADA, Thomas C.	✓				
AGUON, Frank B., Jr.					EA
BLAS, Frank F., Jr.	✓				
CALVO, Edward J.B.	✓				
CRUZ, Benjamin J. F.	✓				
ESPALDON, James V.	✓				
GUTHERTZ, Judith Paulette	✓				
MUNA-BARNES, Tina Rose	✓				
PALACIOS, Adolpho Borja, Sr.	✓				
PANGELINAN, vicente (ben) cabrera	✓				
RECTOR, Matthew	✓				
RESPICIO, Rory J.	✓				
TAITAGUE, Telo 11	✓				
TENORIO, Ray 1	✓				
WON PAT, Judith T.	✓				

TOTAL

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 Clerk of the Legislature

\* 3 Passes = No vote  
 EA = Excused Absence



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Committee on  
Appropriations, Taxation,  
Banking, Insurance, and  
Land

Member  
Committee on Education

Member  
Committee on  
Municipal Affairs,  
Aviation, Housing, and  
Recreation

Member  
Committee on Labor, the  
Public Structure,  
Public Libraries, and  
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Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Senator vicente (ben) c. pangelinan (D)

October 21, 2009

The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

Speaker

I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

155 Hesler Place

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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RJR

RE: Committee Report – Substitute Bill No. 99 (COR) as amended by the Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement and Land

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

The Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land to which was referred **Bill No. 99 (COR) – "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 7120.3 TO CHAPTER 7, 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL GOLD STAR LICNESE PLATES"** hereby reports out with the recommendation **TO DO PASS** as amended.

Committee votes are as follows:

<u>4</u>	TO PASS
<u>1</u>	TO NOT PASS
<u>0</u>	TO ABSTAIN
<u>1</u>	TO REPORT OUT ONLY

  
vicente c. pangelinan  
Chairperson



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**VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio**

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

**RE: Committee Report – Bill No. 99 (COR)**

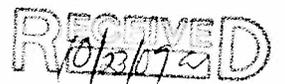
Dear Speaker Won Pat:

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**Committee votes are as follows:**

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**vicente c. pangelinan**  
Chairperson



**Committee Report on**

**Bill No. 99 (COR)**

**As amended by the Committee on Appropriations, Taxation,  
Banking, Insurance, Retirement and Land**

**“An act to add a new section 7120.3 to Chapter 7, 16  
Guam Code Annotated related to the issuance of  
Special Gold Star License Plates”**



Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan

Senator vicente (ben) c. pangelinan (D)

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October 21, 2009

**MEMORANDUM**

Chairman  
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To: Committee Members

From: Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, Taxation,  
Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land

Subject: Committee report on Bill No.99 (COR)

This memorandum is accompanied by the following:

1. Committee Voting Sheet
2. Committee Report
3. Public Hearing Sign In Sheet
4. Written Testimony
5. Bill No. 99 (COR)
6. Substitute Bill No. 99 (COR)
7. Referral of Bill
8. Public Hearing Agenda
9. Notice of Public Hearing

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please contact my office at 473-4236.



**vicente c. pangelinan**  
Chairman

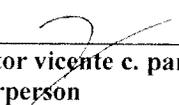
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Committee Voting Sheet

Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement,  
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Bill No. 99 (COR): "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 7120.3 TO  
CHAPTER 7, 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATED TO THE  
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AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Committee Members    To Pass    Not to Pass    Report Out    Abstain    Inactive File

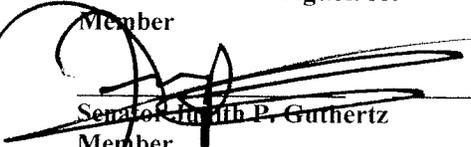
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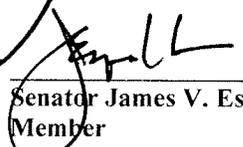
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 Vice Chairperson

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 Member

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The People

**Committee Report on**

**Bill No. 99 (COR) "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 7120.3 TO CHAPTER 7, 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATES"**

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**I. OVERVIEW**

The Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land held a public hearing Monday, October 19, 2009, at I Liheslaturan Guahans Public Hearing Room on Bill No.99 (COR) "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 7120.3 TO CHAPTER 7, 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATES" .

**Public Notice Requirements**

Notices for the public hearing were disseminate throughout all local media via facsimile and electronic mail and are attached herein meeting the requirements of the Open Government Law.

**a. Committee Members and Senators present:**

**Senator ben pangelinan, Chairman**  
**Senator Tina Muna Barnes, Member**  
**Senator Frank Blas Jr., Member**  
**Senator Tom Ada**  
**Senator Eddie Calvo**

**b. Oral Testimony Submitted:**

**Mr. Charles Erwin, Guam Veterans Affairs Office**  
**Mr. Art Mesa**

**c. Written Testimony Submitted:**

**Mr. Fred Gofigan, Guam Veterans Office**  
**Mr. Alan Van Aken, Veterans Commission Chairman**

Committee Chairman vicente c. pangelinan began public hearing on the matter of Bill No 99. Chairman Pangelinan then stated the title of Bill No. 99 and its intent.

## II. COMMITTEE PRECEEDINGS

**Chairman Pangelinan:** Mr. Gofigan.

**Mr. Fred Gofigan:** *(Read Written Testimony; see attached)*

I wholeheartedly support this bill.

**Chairman Pangelinan:** Do you have recommendations on those issues that you raised?

**Mr. Gofigan:** I recommend that the plates be given only to mothers, fathers and wives or siblings. I have seen enough already and there are things I should not discuss that transpire in these situations, we can talk about it later. As for the issuance, I recommend we waive it down to three.

**Chairman Pangelinan:** Thank you very much Mr. Gofigan. Mr. Erwin.

**Mr. Charles Erwin:** My name is Charles Erwin. I am the commander of the American Legion Post One. Fred and I have not talked about this, but I share the same concerns. I came here today with great caution because I read the bill the way it is written and I too had the same concerns.

In preparation for this, the Gold Star License Plate stems from the Gold Star Mothers Corporate, which is a congressionally chartered organization. My concern by reading this and it said family members, now I will read things I pulled off the internet.

There is no requirement that the death is in a particular manner from combat, accident, suicide, pdst, all qualify the surviving mother and membership in the organization. That is right off their site and what they do. Here is another recommendation from their site. Thirty-five states have already approved these license plates.

Seven states have approved them but have not designed them and five more states are in the process of doing this, bringing the total to forty-eight of the fifty states. There are samples of each state and what they

have done. I recommend that you make the qualification requirements as wide as possible to get the greatest number of plates on the road. As Fred said here, I am looking at family members and where would the balance be. Is it just going to be mother, father or wife, brothers and sisters? I agree with the intent of this. I am all for it. In my opinion we just need to be cautious in the way we do this. We do not want to end up with three or four thousand plates running around on the island.

If that were the case then it would diminish the whole intent of recognition that I really think this is going to establish. That is my only real concern. The intent of this I am, all in favor of.

**Chairman Pangelinan:** Sure, I definitely appreciate that input. We also have the testimony submitted by Mr. Van Aken who also supports the intent of the bill.

We will proceed with the comments received on the legislation. We will continue to be available to receive testimony in our office, you may call our office or email at [senbenp@guam.net](mailto:senbenp@guam.net), send any comments and we will incorporate them. Senator Ada will like to make some comments on the legislation.

**Senator Tom Ada:** Thank you. I just want to make clear that obviously the opinions are not necessarily compatible with each other. Fred on your part as representative of the Veterans Affairs Office, on whether all deaths in a war zone should be eligible for the Gold Star Plate whereas Mr. Erwin read from a site regarding while on orders in a war zone.

How the passing occurred, what was the cause of it and whether should it be relevant. Can you clarify that?

**Mr. Erwin:** What the website is saying is that they are encompassing all places. This is what they are advocating for, anywhere in the world during a time of conflict qualifies them as a Gold Star. When it said here the families, let us be specific on who, what, where, why and how.

**Senator Ada:** what is your reaction to the passing in an active war zone such as Iraq?

**Mr. Erwin:** All-inclusive. As long as there supporting in the conflict.

**Senator Ada:** Just one last point. Can you clarify on whether the support is there to expand who can get these plates because I am receiving signals that the intention is it should not be extended to brothers and siblings of

the deceased. Why would their grief be any lesser than that of a mother, father or wife?

**Mr. Erwin:** I do not want to sound like a naysayer. I empathized with any family that has lost a member in the war zone. I really did not want to get into that avenue of the discussion because they all grieved but then were just going to say that anybody that knew this person gets a Gold Star Plate.

**Senator Ada:** I understand. I just wanted to dwell a bit more into that situation. Thank you very much.

**Chairman Pangelinan:** Thank you very much Senator Ada. Senator Barnes.

**Senator Barnes:** Mr. Chair I would like to mention the same concerns as Senator Ada. I would like to know what if in the event it is a family of mother and father, and one brother or sister. Could that be inclusive?

**Mr. Erwin:** There is an only child that is what you are saying.

**Senator Barnes:** The deceased is the only child.

**Mr. Erwin:** At this point in time there needs to be a good rational discussion on that and figure out where we want to go.

**Mr. Gofigan:** Just to expand on that definition. Those killed in action are young, so we can look into placing and children when they grow older.

**Senator Barnes:** That is why I wanted to bring this up, because there are situations where the deceased is forty-five years old and they have a only child.

**Mr. Gofigan:** We are looking at license plates we are only assuming there only driving them, the ones we have laid to rest and all their children are small kids. That is something we can address now or in the future.

**Senator Barnes:** I just thought about this so that we can get inclusive and not exclusive. I just thought I bring that up for the record because there are situations like that which have happened recently, but Mr. Speaker for the record I want you to know I do support the intention of the bill.

**Chairman Pangelinan:** Thank you very much Senator Barnes. Senator Blas.

**Senator Frank Blas Jr.:** Thank you Mr. Chair. First off, thank you for testifying. I appreciate you bringing this up in this process. I do agree we should have further discussion on this to tighten the bill up a little more. I hear you Fred on how far this should go when a member has died in combat and the issuance of the plates. I really think that the discussion should take place so that we do not lose the intent.

I am in full support of this bill as recognition. I just think it is a small token of our appreciation of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. There are a few things that we will address.

**Mr. Erwin:** Senator my response to that would be that services are connected. I do not care if medical treatment was ongoing for months and ultimately claiming that veteran's life. You go back to day one.

**Senator Blas:** That is a discussion that we need to have so that the definitions are clear and so that there is no confusion here. Mr. Chair thank you and that if there is space I request to be cosponsor of this legislation. Thank you sir.

**Chairman Pangelinan:** Thank you very much for taking the time and the effort for providing us testimony, just for the record, when we say family we are saying to the families who are defined in the Gold Star Program under 10 USC Section 1126. The criterion for eligibility for Gold Star is set by this federal statute and that will be the same criteria we are going to follow in the eligibility for the Gold Star Plate.

We are just mirroring the federally chartered and Congressional Chartered Gold Star Program. We will move in that direction. We are not expanding it. Again, that was the intention here and if we need to make that clear, we will do so and restate it. That was the intentions of the definition contained in that federal statute.

Is there anybody else that may wish to testify who may have not signed up, Art you have signed up. Please step forward and identify yourself for the record.

**Mr. Art Mesa:** My name is Art Mesa. I am in favor of this bill and I would like to applaud you for bringing this up. My concerns were with Charlie's in which we had discussed. My only concern is that the federal

government, I have not seen that, but just because the federal government did that does not make it right.

I would not want to dilute the honor of that star. Personally, for myself it would just be mother and father, that be it, but because the federal government did it that does not make it right.

**Chairman Pangelinan:** I understand, but we also want to make sure that what we do does not diminish it as it may be in the eyes of the people who want to honor and provide this opportunity and so it is a balancing act we need to do.

We certainly appreciate you individuals who are involved with this.

**Mr. Erwin:** Senator in that download from their website it varied widely and so you can use the information when changing around the bill.

**Chairman Pangelinan:** We will consider those information's and we encourage everyone listening to submit his or her perspectives to help give us help in making final policy on this legislation. Thank you gentlemen for your presentation

### **III. COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land, to which Bill No. 99 (COR) : **“AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 7120.3 TO CHAPTER 7, 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATES”** was referred, does hereby submit recommendations to I Mina Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan, **TO DO PASS** Bill No.99 (COR) as amended by the Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement and Land.

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Introduced by:

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12 to conflict. The program has now expanded to include all family members and

1 issuance of special gold star license plates by local state governments to acknowledge  
2 these families.

3 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to join these among those  
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19 gold star plates shall not exceed the fee charged for a similar license plate for the  
20 same class of vehicle.

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22 parents inclusive of mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, mother through  
23 adoption, father through adoption, and foster parents who stood in loco parentis of  
24 members of the armed services;

25 (1) Who lost their lives during a World War I, World War II, or during any  
26 subsequent period of armed hostilities in which the United States was engaged  
27 before July 1, 1958.

1 (2) Who lost their lives after June 30, 1958 while engaged in an action against an  
2 enemy of the United States.

3 (3) While engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing  
4 foreign force; or

5 (4) While serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict in  
6 which the United States is not a belligerent party against an opposing armed force.

7 (5) Who lost their lives after March 28, 1973 as a result of an international terrorist  
8 attack against the United States or a foreign nation friendly to the United States,  
9 recognized as such an attack by the Secretary of Defense; or

10 (6) Military operations while serving outside the United States (including the  
11 commonwealths, territories, and possessions of the United States) as part of a  
12 peacekeeping force.

13 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application  
14 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not  
15 affect any other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect  
16 without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
17 Act are severable.

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Bill No. 99(COR)

Introduced by:

v.c. pangelinan  
T.C. Ada



AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 7120.3 TO  
CHAPTER 7, 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED  
RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL GOLD  
STAR LICENSE PLATES.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds  
3 that Guam families have experienced and suffered the loss of sons and  
4 daughters, who in service to our country gave their all. Their honor and  
5 bravery are to be remembered and memorialized by family members who  
6 never forget the sacrifice they paid for our freedom.

7 *I Liheslaturan Guahan* further finds that those who have given us the  
8 ultimate sacrifice in the battlefield, left behind families who keep the memory  
9 their courage alive, never forgetting their loss. To distinguish these families  
10 and to symbolize their loss, the federal government in US Title 10, Section  
11 1126 established the gold star lapel button which was typically used to  
12 symbolize a mother's grief who lost a child to conflict. The program has now  
13 expanded to include all family members and issuance of special gold star  
14 license plates by local state governments to acknowledge these families.

15 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to join these among  
16 those communities in the issuance of special gold star license plates to families  
17 on Guam who have lost loved ones engaged in war operations.

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**Section 2.** A new section 7120.3, Chapter 7, 16 Guam Code Annotated is hereby added to read:

“Section 7120.3. Special Gold Star License Plates. The Motor Vehicle Division of the Department of Revenue and Taxation shall, upon application, issue special gold star license plates to families as defined in 10 U.S.C. Section 11276, for use only on passenger and pick up vehicles registered with the Department of Revenue and Taxation. The type and style of the gold star plates shall be determined by the Director of the Department of Revenue and Taxation and the Office of Veterans Affairs, except that a gold star shall appear on one side of the plate. Applicants shall apply on forms prescribed by the Director, and the applicant’s eligibility will be certified by the Office of Veteran’s Affairs. The plates shall be re-issued only to the original holder of the plates. The Director may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this sub-section. Except for new or renewed registration, applications for the issuance of gold star plates shall be processed in order received by the Department subject to normal workflow considerations. The fee for the issuance of gold star plates shall not exceed the fee charged for a similar license plate for the same class of vehicle.

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**In Support of Bill # 99**

Gentlemen, I regret not being able to attend and testify at the public hearing on Bill 99 (COR) AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 71200.3 TO CHAPTER 7, 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL GOLD STA LICENSE PLATES. I am please to support this legislation and I wish to extend my appreciation to both Senator Pangelinan and Senator Ada for introducing this bill and for your continued support and assistance to the our veterans and their families. Thank you.

Alan G. Van Aken  
CWO4, USMC (Ret)  
President, Guam Chapter, 3d MarDiv Association  
Chairman, Guam Veteran's Commission

**TESTIMONY  
IN SUPPORT OF  
ON BILL #99**

Submitted by  
Fred Gofigan, Administrator  
Guam Veterans Affairs Office

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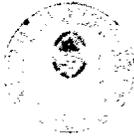
My name is Fred Gofigan, Administrator of the Guam Veterans Affairs Office. I am testifying in support of Bill # 99. As a society, we tend to take our freedom for granted and forget the ultimate sacrifices that were made to attain the things we enjoy today.

This legislation is small token in recognition of the ultimate sacrifice that was made, “the loss of a son or daughter in the field of battle”. This will be a symbol that we as a people share in their loss.

I am in support of the legislation, however, there needs to be clarification on the definition of families. Is it mothers, fathers and wives? Are the siblings included? How many license plates per members of the family?

- \* You will need form DD 1300 Report of Casualty.
- \* Birth Certificate
- \* Marriage Certificate

Does this legislation include those that died in support of the Global War on Terror? For example, the Guardsmen that died in the Horn of Africa?



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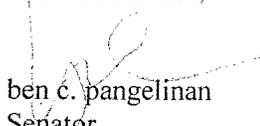
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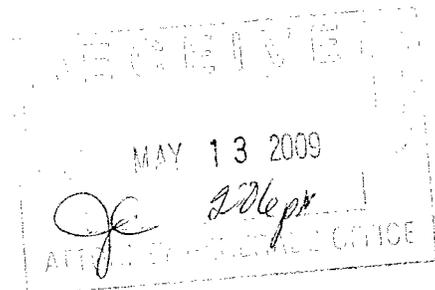
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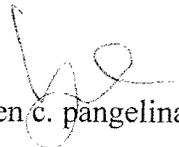
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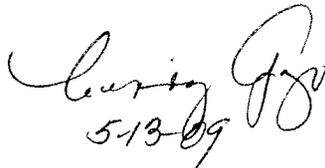
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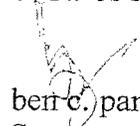
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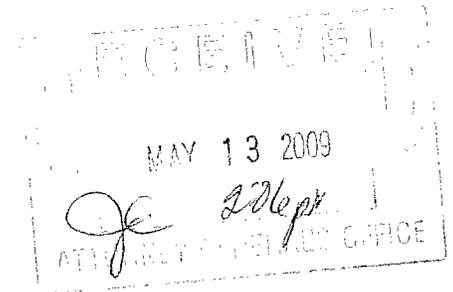
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**Constant sun may be too much of a good thing**  
LONDON (Reuters) - Too much sunlight in places like Greenland where long summer days often cause insomnia appears more likely to drive a person to suicide, Swedish researchers said.

Despite a belief that suicides tend to rise in late autumn and early winter months because of darkness, the new findings suggest that places where constant sunlight in summer seasons is a fact of life may be just as dangerous.

"During the long periods of constant light, it is crucial to keep some circadian rhythm to get enough sleep and sustain mental health," Karin Sparring Bjorksten of the Karolinska Institute in Sweden and colleagues reported in the BioMed Central journal BMC Psychiatry.

According to the World Health Organization, 877,000 people worldwide kill themselves each year. For every suicide death, anywhere from 10 to 40 attempts are made, the U.N. agency estimates.

Scientists have previously linked sleep disturbances to increased suicidal risk in people with psychiatric disorders and in adolescents but it is unclear whether the association also exists in the general population.

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"This starting pledge is the first proof that all these countries intend to follow through with action," Indonesia's Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries Freddy Numberi told reporters.

Those gathering in Manado noted that climate change was not the only thing jeopardizing the world's oceans: Pollution from overdevelopment and industrial runoff along with destructive fishing techniques using dynamite and drift nets were also playing a devastating role.

The leaders vowed to address some of those issues immediately, but calls for action were short on specific commitments.

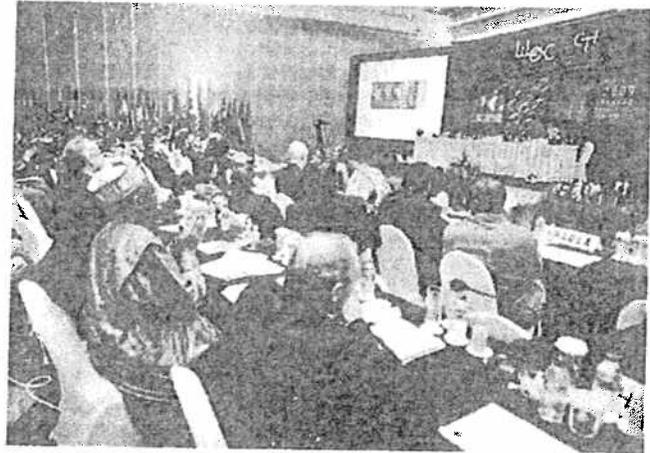
"We will strive to reduce pollution of the ocean, coastal and land areas and to promote sustainable management of fisheries," they wrote in a declaration, calling also for the protection of mangroves, wetlands and coral reefs.

Efforts also will be made to protect the most vulnerable communities that "ful-depend on marine resources" and to

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▲ Corals grow at the protected Bunaken Island marine national park in Manado.

▶ Ministers and officials from more than 70 nations called for oceans to be included on the agenda of global climate change talks aimed at finding a successor to the Kyoto Protocol.



seek to improve technology needed to answer the many questions that remain about oceans. They also called for additional funding to help countries adapt to climate change and create sustainable jobs.

One of the hopes of attendees is that the conference will help heighten awareness

about the need to include oceans into the larger debate about global warming.

Many scientists want oceans on the agenda when governments gather in December at a U.N. climate change meeting in Denmark to draft a successor to the Kyoto Protocol, which expires in 2012.

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Under Fiji's military rule, all  
protests and public meetings  
are banned, censors sit in news-  
rooms and only "positive" news  
can be published.

Already more than a dozen  
journalists have been arrested  
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The military regime has said  
democratic elections won't be  
held until September 2014 so

it can change what it calls the  
"race-based" voting system and  
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## Government Meeting

meeting of the Environmental Subcommittee of Guam  
cheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 3:00 p.m., at the  
ronmental Protection Agency main office conference  
11 Mariner Drive, Tiyan.

representatives are scheduled to present information on the  
of an Ocean Disposal Site for the dredged material  
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### Notice of Public Hearing

Committee of Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement and Land  
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Time: 4:00pm  
Place: Guam Legislature Public Hearing Room  
Agenda

**Confirmation of Mr. Andrew S. Leon Guerrero, Member  
Chamorro Land Trust Commission**

**Bill No. 99 (COR):** An Act to add a new section 7120.4 to  
Chapter 7, Title 16 Guam Code Annotated relative to the  
issuance of special gold star license plates

**Bill No. 104 (COR):** An act to authorize *I Maga'lahaen Guahan* to  
sell certain real property to adjacent owner

**Bill No. 105 (COR):** An Act to authorize *I Maga'lahaen Guahan* to  
create a memorial to the victims of the *Chagui'An Massacre*

**Bill No. 114:** An Act to amend Chapter V, Part II, Section 25 (h) of  
PL29-113 relative to appropriating \$75,000 to Guampedia

For copies of the bills, you can log onto [www.guamlegislature.com](http://www.guamlegislature.com)  
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**Home Runs**  
AdGonzalez, San Diego, 15; Ibanez, Philadelphia, 13; Pujols, St. Louis, 13; Dunn, Washington, 11; ASoriano, Chicago, 11; Bruce, Cincinnati, 10; Utley, Philadelphia, 10.  
**Runs Batted In**  
Pujols, St. Louis, 37; Ibanez, Philadelphia, 35; Cantu, Florida, 33; Fielder, Milwaukee, 32; Hawpe, Colorado, 31; 5 tied at 29.  
**Pitching (4 Decisions)**  
Martis, Washington, 5-0, 1.000; Broxton, Los Angeles, 4-0, 1.000; Pettrey, New York, 4-0, 1.000; Con-dray, Philadelphia, 4-0, 1.000; Meradith, San Diego, 4-0, 1.000; DLowe, Atlanta, 5-1, .833; Billingsley, Los Angeles, 5-1, .833.

**BASKETBALL**

**NBA PLAYOFFS**

**CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS**  
(Best-of-7)

**Monday, May 11**

Cleveland 84, Atlanta 74, Cleveland wins series 4-0

Dallas 119, Denver 117

**Tuesday, May 12**

Boston 92, Orlando 88

L.A. Lakers 118, Houston 78

**Wednesday, May 13**

Denver 124, Dallas 110, Denver wins series 4-1

**Thursday, May 14**

Orlando 83, Boston 75, series tied 3-3

Houston 95, L.A. Lakers 80, series tied 3-3

**Sunday, May 17**

Houston at L.A. Lakers

Orlando at Boston

**HOCKEY**

**NHL PLAYOFFS**

**CONFERENCE FINALS**  
(Best-of-7)

**Sunday, May 17**

Chicago at Detroit

**Monday, May 18**

Carolina at Pittsburgh

**Tuesday, May 19**

Chicago at Detroit

**Thursday, May 21**

Carolina at Pittsburgh

**Friday, May 22**

Detroit at Chicago

**Saturday, May 23**

Pittsburgh at Carolina

**Sunday, May 24**

Detroit at Chicago

**Tuesday, May 26**

Pittsburgh at Carolina

**TENNIS**

**MUTUA MADRILENA MASTERS**

**Saturday**

At Caja Magica, Madrid

Purse: Men, \$5.04 million (WT1000); Women, \$4.5 million (Premier)

Surface: Clay-Outdoor

**Singles**

**Men**

**Semifinals**

Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Novak Djokovic (3), Serbia, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (9).

Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Juan Martin del Potro (5), Argentina, 6-3, 6-4.

**Women**

**Semifinals**

Caroline Wozniacki (9), Denmark, def. Amelie Mauresmo, France, 7-6 (1), 6-3.

Dinara Safina (1), Russia, def. Patty Schnyder, Switzerland, 6-4, 6-2.

**Doubles**

**Men**

**Semifinals**

Simon Aspelin, Sweden, and Wesley Moodie, South Africa, def. Bruno Soares, Brazil, and Kevin Ullyett (5), Zimbabwe, 3-6, 7-6 (3), 10-6 tiebreak.

Daniel Nestor, Canada, and Nenad Zimonjic (2), Serbia, def. Juan Martin del Potro, Argentina, and Mardy Fish, United States, 6-4, 6-3.

**Women**

**Championship**

Cara Black, Zimbabwe, and Liezel Huber (1), United States, def. Kvetla Peschka, Czech Republic, and Lisa Raymond (3), United States, 4-6, 6-3, 10-6 tiebreak.

**AUTO RACING**

**NASCAR SPRINT**

18. (12) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, accident, 93, 50.8, \$85,871.  
19. (6) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, accident, 92, 102.6, \$210,771.  
20. (16) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, engine, 85, 28.3, \$85,671.  
21. (11) Greg Biffle, Ford, accident, 71, 35.1, \$85,571.

**Race Statistics**

Winner's Average Speed: 99.137 mph.  
Time of Race: 1 hour, 30 minutes, 47 seconds.  
Margin of Victory: 0.971 seconds.  
Caution Flags: 7 for 9 laps.  
Lead Changes: 7 among 5 drivers.  
Top 12 in Points: 1. J.Gordon, 1,601. 2. T.Stewart, 1,572. 3. K.Busch, 1,546. 4. J.Johnson, 1,465. 5. D.Hamlin, 1,445. 6. J.Burton, 1,384. 7. K.Busch, 1,380. 8. R.Newman, 1,363. 9. G.Biffle, 1,345. 10. M.Kenseth, 1,326. 11. M.Martin, 1,316. 12. C.Edwards, 1,271.

**TRANSACTIONS**

**BASEBALL**

**American League**

**BALTIMORE ORIOLES**—Placed DH Luke Scott on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 11. Activated LHP Rich Hill from the 15-day DL.

**CLEVELAND INDIANS**—Optioned RHP Masa Kobayashi to Columbus (IL).

**LOS ANGELES ANGELS**—Activated RHP John Lackey from the 15-day DL. Optioned C Bobby Wilson to Salt Lake (PCL).

**TEXAS RANGERS**—Placed RHP Frank Francisco on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 7. Recalled RHP Warner Madrigal from Oklahoma (PCL).

**National League**

**FLORIDA MARLINS**—Activated LHP Andrew Miller from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Brett Carroll to New Orleans (PCL).

**NEW YORK METS**—Placed 1B Carlos Delgado on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 11. Recalled OF Angel Pagan from Buffalo (IL).

**PITTSBURGH PIRATES**—Traded RHP Romulo Sanchez to the N.Y. Yankees for RHP Eric Hacker. Transferred LHP Phil Dumaitrait from the 15-day to the 60-day DL.

**ON THE AIR**

**TODAY**

▲ **Indy Car:** Indy 500 qualifying, 2 a.m. on GUDTV Channel 42.

▲ **NHL:** Conference finals, 5 a.m. on TV11.

▲ **PGA:** Valero Texas Open, 5 a.m. on TV8.

▲ **NBA:** Conference semifinal series, teams TBA, 5:30 a.m.

on ABC7.

▲ **MLB:** New York Mets at San Francisco Giants, 10 a.m. on GUDTV Channel 30.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement and Labor  
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2009  
Time: 4:00pm Place: Guam Legislature Public Hearing Room

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING &**  
**CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES**  
**TO GIAA'S ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS**

RFP NO **GIAA-008-FY09**  
SUBMISSION DEADLINE

**4:00 PM - June 8, 2009 GIAA Executive Office**

Proposals are being accepted from professional individuals/firms to provide the above services for the A. B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA). RFP packages may be obtained at the GIAA Executive Offices anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays on the 3rd floor of the terminal, or downloaded through [www.guamairport.com](http://www.guamairport.com). All proposals must be submitted to the attention of the Executive Manager, by the deadline. The GIAA reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, proposals or offers which have been submitted in response to this RFP, and/or cancel this RFP if it is determined to be in the best interest of the GIAA and/or for whatever reason allowed by law or regulation and pursuant to GSA Procurement Regulation 3115 (d)(2)(A). For additional information, contact Alma Javier at (671) 646-0300~02 during the hours stated above or fax to (671) 646-8823.

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**COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, TAXATION, BANKING, INSURANCE,  
RETIREMENT AND LAND  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**May 20, 2009**

**4:00pm**

**Guam Legislature Public Hearing Room**

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*Perpetuating the Noble Principles  
for which They Fought and Died*

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## Requirements

### From Our Bylaws

Natural mothers, adoptive mothers or stepmothers, who are citizens or legal residents of the United States or of the territorial and insular possessions of the United States, and whose son or daughter has made the supreme sacrifice while in the service of the United States of America Armed Forces, are eligible for membership in American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

Husbands and children of members of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc may join as Associate Members using the same application. Associate members pay no dues, hold no offices and may not vote.

If you meet the membership requirements, we would be happy to have you join us. Just print out the **membership application**, fill it out and send it in. You will need Adobe Reader to print the application.

National membership dues are \$15. Local chapter and Dept dues are additional and vary across the country. Most are about \$3 to \$5. See our **list of all departments and chapters** to find one near you.

If you have DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty, please submit a copy with your application. If you don't have this document, send in the application form without it.

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### Clarifications

The term Gold Star Mother refers to any mother who has lost a child in the service of our country.

An American Gold Star Mother is a Gold Star Mother who has joined the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc organization (AGSM).

AGSM is a private organization and can set its own membership rules. Our qualifications for membership have changed over the years. There is currently no requirement that your service member was killed in action or in a particular theater of operation to be a member. The only requirement is that the death was while on active duty.

There is no requirement that the death was in a particular manner (E.G. combat). Deaths from combat, accident, suicide, PTSD all qualify the surviving mother for membership in our organization. Be aware that the death of a service member after he has been discharged from the service, from causes related to his service do not qualify the surviving mother for membership in AGSM. The DoD does make **distinctions** in determining which of the Gold Star Pins are awarded based on the manner and place of death but we do not. All served and all undertook the associated risks.

There is no requirement that the death was in a particular place (E.G. a combat theater). Deaths in combat theaters, non-combat areas, U. S. bases, at home or on leave all qualify as long as the service member was on active duty at the time of death.

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2009 (FIRST) REGULAR SESSION

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Bill No. 99(COR)

Introduced by:

v.c. pangelinan  
T.C. Ada



AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 7120.3 TO  
CHAPTER 7, 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED  
RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL GOLD  
STAR LICENSE PLATES.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. **Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds  
3 that Guam families have experienced and suffered the loss of sons and  
4 daughters, who in service to our country gave their all. Their honor and  
5 bravery are to be remembered and memorialized by family members who  
6 never forget the sacrifice they paid for our freedom.

7 *I Liheslaturan Guahan* further finds that those who have given us the  
8 ultimate sacrifice in the battlefield, left behind families who keep the memory  
9 their courage alive, never forgetting their loss. To distinguish these families  
10 and to symbolize their loss, the federal government in US Title 10, Section  
11 1126 established the gold star lapel button which was typically used to  
12 symbolize a mother's grief who lost a child to conflict. The program has now  
13 expanded to include all family members and issuance of special gold star  
14 license plates by local state governments to acknowledge these families.

15 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to join these among  
16 those communities in the issuance of special gold star license plates to families  
17 on Guam who have lost loved ones engaged in war operations.

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**Section 2.** A new section 7120.3, Chapter 7, 16 Guam Code Annotated is hereby added to read:

“Section 7120.3. Special Gold Star License Plates. The Motor Vehicle Division of the Department of Revenue and Taxation shall, upon application, issue special gold star license plates to families as defined in 10 U.S.C. Section 11276, for use only on passenger and pick up vehicles registered with the Department of Revenue and Taxation. The type and style of the gold star plates shall be determined by the Director of the Department of Revenue and Taxation and the Office of Veterans Affairs, except that a gold star shall appear on one side of the plate. Applicants shall apply on forms prescribed by the Director, and the applicant’s eligibility will be certified by the Office of Veteran’s Affairs. The plates shall be re-issued only to the original holder of the plates. The Director may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this sub-section. Except for new or renewed registration, applications for the issuance of gold star plates shall be processed in order received by the Department subject to normal workflow considerations. The fee for the issuance of gold star plates shall not exceed the fee charged for a similar license plate for the same class of vehicle.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any of the provisions of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.