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Bill No. 38-31(.Cor)
Introduced by:

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO FACILITATING THE TIMELY ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OPERATORS **DRIVERS** LICENSES, THROUGH THE **ALLOWANCE OF OFF-DUTY** ROAD **EXAMINATIONS FOR LICENSE** ENDORSEMENT "A" CLASS LICENSES, BY AMENDING SUBSECTION "(uu)" OF §1102 OF **CHAPTER** TITLE 16, **GUAM** CODE 1,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

ANNOTATED.

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Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent:

I Liheslaturan Guahan finds that due to financial limitations of the government of Guam in providing necessary personnel support, the Division of Motor Vehicle of the Department of Revenue and Taxation has been experiencing serious extended delays in administering the road tests for individuals applying for a non-commercial motor vehicle operators' license, and in meeting the demand for providing these licenses.

Furthermore, as the island undergoes the military buildup process, the need for these licenses will continue to increase as a result of the anticipated growth in the overall population of Guam.

1 The Liheslaturan Guahan further finds that the Motor Vehicle Division 2 administers several hundred written tests every testing cycle, which is conducted every few weeks. The backlog in the provision of the 3 non-commercial motor vehicle operators' license is a direct result of 4 the challenges that confronts DMV with the scheduling and the 5 conduct of the road tests for applicants, and the need for additional 6 personnel support or greater flexibility in the administration of the 7 such program, providing 8 driver's license as for off-duty examinations. Currently, the waiting period for a road test is at times 9 more than six (6) months. 10

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Therefore, just as Public Law 30-140 was enacted for the purpose of expediting the issuance of commercial motor vehicle operators' licenses by way of providing for the off-duty conduct of road tests on weekends and holidays, it is likewise appropriate that these accommodations be made for non-commercial applicants seeking a motor vehicle operators' license. It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* that the Department of Revenue & Taxation be authorized to administer "off-duty" road examinations for Operators License Endorsement "A" category licenses, and to enhance the timeliness of the issuance of these licenses for the island community.

Section 2. Off-Duty Road Examinations by the Motor Vehicle Division for Individual Operators License.

- The Department of Revenue & Taxation Motor Vehicle Division
- 2 is hereby authorized to administer "off-duty" road examinations for
- 3 Operators License Endorsement "A" category licenses.
- 4 Section 3. Inclusion of Operators License Endorsement A.
- 5 Subsection (uu) of §1102 of Chapter 1, Title 16, Guam Code
- 6 Annotated, is hereby amended, to read as follows:
- 7 "(uu) Services means Operators License Endorsement A, and
- 8 Chauffeurs License Endorsement B, C, D and G road examinations."
- 9 Section 4. Proposed Rules and Regulations.
- The Department of Revenue and Taxation shall promulgate
- 11 appropriate Rules and Regulations, if deemed necessary, to ensure
- 12 the compliance and timely implementation of the provisions
- 13 contained in this Act. Said Rules and Regulations shall take into
- 14 consideration the maximum administration of road tests, in
- 15 accordance with the Department's mandate, within regular
- 16 government operational hours. The Director of the Department shall
- be responsible for the proper and effective administration of the off-
- duty road examinations, and shall be the final approving authority in
- 19 the conduct of such off-duty road tests.
- 20 Section 5. Effective Date.
- 21 This Act shall be effective following the promulgation and
- 22 formal adoption of the program Rules and Regulations as highlighted
- 23 herein, or otherwise upon enactment.