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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. 46 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTIONS 3101 (d) AND 3101 (o), CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO PERMIT THE USE OF MOTORCYCLE LICENSES ISSUED BY ANY OTHER TERRITORY, COMMONWEALTH, OR STATE OF THE UNITED STATES PURSUANT TO §3101(d),(o)," was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2009, duly and regularly passed.

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As amended on the Floor.

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## BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that many residents that possess a valid motorcycle operator's license issued in
- 4 another territory, Commonwealth or state of the United States are finding it
- 5 difficult to obtain a motorcycle operator's license in the territory of Guam.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that §3101 (d), Chapter 3, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, provides reciprocity for persons who possess a valid operator's and chauffeur's license issued in another territory, Commonwealth or state of the United States, by waiving the requirement for a written or demonstration exam in order to get a Guam license, but, makes no mention of motorcycle licenses.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that the latest Cycle Safety Information Sheet released by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation indicates that forty-nine (49) of fifty (50) states in the nation already require some form of primary skills test and or written examination prior to issuing a motorcycle operator's license. In addition, the information sheet also indicates that all fifty (50) states have a reciprocal license waiver program that recognizes licenses issued by other states or territories.

It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to permit the use of motorcycle licenses issued by any other territory, Commonwealth, *or* state of the United States by amending Subsections 3101 (d) and (o), Chapter 3, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated.

**Section 2.** §3101 (d) of Chapter 3, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

"(d) A person having in his immediate possession a valid operator's, chauffeur's or motorcycle operator's license issued by any other territory, Commonwealth, or state of the United States, may drive a motor vehicle or a motorcycle upon the roads and highways for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days from the date such person arrived on Guam. However, upon the expiration of such thirty (30) day period, such person must have been issued a Guam driver's license in order to continue driving on Guam. Such person shall be exempted from taking the written driver's license examination or demonstration test. Upon issuance of the Guam driver's license, such person

shall surrender the driver's license previously issued by the other United States jurisdiction to the Division of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Revenue and Taxation, unless the Director of Revenue and Taxation has adopted other procedures for the disposition of the previously issued license from the other United States jurisdiction.

The thirty (30) days period herein may be extended for a period equal to the earlier of one (1) year from the date the licensee arrived on Guam or the expiration date of the out-of-Guam license, provided that the licensee, (i) registers his or her license with the Department of Revenue and Taxation; and (ii) pays a registration fee to the Treasurer of Guam not to exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25). Upon approval, the Department of Revenue and Taxation shall issue a Certificate of Registration that states, (i) the name and age of the licensee; (ii) the expiration date of the Certificate; and (iii) the licensee's out-of-Guam driver's licensee number.

The Department of Revenue and Taxation may withhold registration of an out-of-Guam license *if*, (i) the Department of Revenue and Taxation cannot verify *or* has cause to doubt the validity of such out-of-Guam license; (ii) the licensee is unable to document the date of entry into Guam; *or* (iii) the out-of-Guam license has been revoked *or* suspended by the jurisdiction issuing the license. The Department of Revenue and Taxation may require a prospective registrant to validate his license through passage of a written exam, road test *or* both."

- **Section 3.** §3101 (o) of Chapter 3, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:
  - "(o) After passing an examination as required under Subsection (g) to include an actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motorcycle, *or* upon qualifying

under subsection (d) of this Section an applicant may have his operator's, or chauffeur's or motorcycle permit endorsed by the Director of Revenue and Taxation, or his designee, authorizing the applicant to operate a motorcycle on the highways of Guam. The Director of Revenue and Taxation may, in his discretion, accept evidence of a military motorcycle permit in lieu of this examination and endorsement. No person shall operate a motorcycle on the highway without first complying with this Section except that a person having in his immediate possession a valid motorcycle operator's license issued by any other territory or state of the United States, or by a foreign country, may operate a motorcycle upon the highways for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days from the date such person arrived in Guam. The requirement that the person pass an examination and receive an endorsement for operation of a motorcycle shall not be applicable to the operation of a motorcycle or when a sidecar is attached to the motorcycle. Any person who operates a motorcycle in violation of this Title shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor."

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