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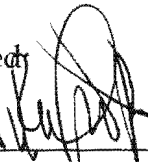
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that **Bill No. 298-30 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §7120.2(e) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO VETERAN LICENSE PLATE FEES FOR VETERANS RATED AT A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) PERMANENT AND TOTAL DISABILITY,"** was on the 19th day of March, 2010, duly and regularly passed.



Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.
Speaker

Attested



Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this 22nd day of March, 2010, at 2:15 o'clock P.M.



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APPROVED:

FELIX P. CAMACHO
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Date: _____

Public Law No. _____

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

Bill No. 298-30 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that veterans have protected and continue to protect our freedoms through their
4 dedicated and unselfish service to our island and country. Some veterans have
5 endured physical, emotional, and psychological injuries resulting in zero percent
6 (0%) to one hundred percent (100%) disability and individual unemployability

1 (unable to secure employment due to service-related injuries).

2 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that in 2008, approximately \$19.8M was paid
3 to Guam veterans for service connected disability compensation. In 2008, there
4 were approximately one hundred sixty-nine (169) veterans that were rated at one
5 hundred percent (100%) disability, and another one hundred ninety-five (195) rated
6 as Individual Unemployability.

7 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends to authorize the Department of Revenue and
8 Taxation to waive the veteran license plate fees for those veterans who have
9 suffered significant injuries during their service to our country and have received a
10 one hundred percent (100%) permanent and total disability rating from the U.S.
11 Veterans Affairs Office.

12 **Section 2.** §7120.2(e) of Chapter 7, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, is
13 hereby *amended* as follows.

14 “(e) Fee. The fee for the issuance of a veteran license plate *shall*
15 *not exceed* the fee charged for a similar license plate for the same class of
16 vehicle. No fee *shall* be charged for the issuance of a veteran license plate
17 to a veteran rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs at a one
18 hundred percent (100%) permanent and total disability. The veteran license
19 plate must be for a non-commercial vehicle registered to the veteran, *or* legal
20 guardian applying for benefits under this Act. A copy of the decision letter
21 issued by the Regional Veterans Affairs Office which indicates approved
22 disability rating must be furnished to the Department of Revenue and
23 Taxation in order to waive the veteran license plate fees.”

24 **Section 3. Severability.** *If* any provisions of this Act or its application to
25 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such
26 invalidity shall *not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be
27 given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the

1 provisions of this Act are severable.