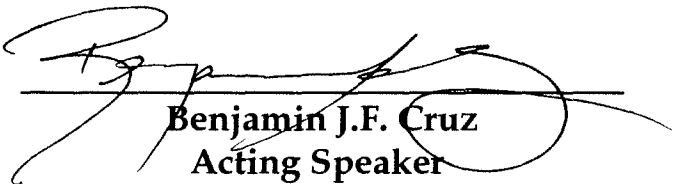


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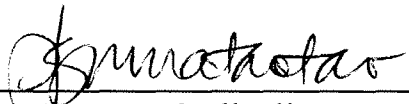
This is to certify that **Bill No. 99-30 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §7120.3 TO CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATES," was on the 13th day of November, 2009, duly and regularly passed.


Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Acting Speaker

Attested:


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'lahaen's Office

APPROVED:

FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan

Date: _____

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As amended by the Committee on Appropriations,
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and further amended on the Floor.

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**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.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that Guam families have experienced and suffered the loss of sons and daughters,
4 who in service to our country gave their all. Their honor and bravery are to be

1 remembered and memorialized by family members who never forget the sacrifice
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.