## I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 486-30 (COR), "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT §3401(d); TO REPEAL AND REENACT §3401.1(a),(b),(d) AND (e); AND TO ADD A NEW §3401.1(m), ALL OF ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ACCESSIBLE PARKING IN GUAM," was on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2010, duly and regularly passed.

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	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D. Speaker
Attested:  Tina Rose Muña Barnes Legislative Secretary	
This Act was received by <i>I Maga'lahen Guåhan</i>	this 23 day of Dec., 2010, at  Assistant Staff Officer  Maga'lahi's Office
FELIX P. CAMACHO I Maga'lahen Guåhan	
Date:	
Public Law No.	

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### Bill No. 486-30 (COR)

As substituted by the Committee on Public Safety, Law Enforcement and Senior Citizens, and amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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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 parking for individuals with disabilities is quite often a challenge, especially
- 4 when persons disembarking from vehicles utilize assistive devices such as

wheelchairs and other related aids, or individuals whose disability requires adequate clearance. There is a sentiment of inequity and disservice experienced by individuals with disabilities requiring the services of adequately identified and properly utilized assigned areas for parking and disembarking from vehicles.

There is also a challenge in the enforcement and adjudication processes relative to ensuring that accessible and van-accessible parking stalls are utilized by persons who require the additional parking considerations

It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to address issues, such as the failure to properly display an accessible access placard; persons who possess a valid placard *not* disembarking from a vehicle; persons improperly parking in vanaccessible aisles; and to facilitate a broader understanding by the island community regarding the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities to freely and without encumbrance utilize accessible and van-accessible parking stalls.

- **Section 2**. §3401(d) of Article 4, Chapter 3, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, is *repealed* and *reenacted* to read:
  - "(d) No person shall park any vehicle(s) within a designated, accessible parking space for persons with disabilities on public or private property made available for public use; unless the vehicle displays a special license plate, a removable windshield placard, or a temporary-removal windshield placard issued pursuant to Title 16 GCA § 7120.1."
- **Section 3.** §3401.1(a) and (b) of Article 4, Chapter 3, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated are hereby *repealed* and *reenacted* to read:
  - "(a) Any person committing or attempting to commit an act of deception or fraud, by one (1) or more of the following methods, is guilty of a misdemeanor:
    - (1) The intentional providing of false information, including statements made on or within a physician's or optometrist's

1 certification, submitted in order to obtain or assist another individual 2 in acquiring a special license plate, removable windshield placard, or a temporary-removable windshield placard, issued pursuant to Title 3 4 16 GCA §7120.1; the alteration, modification or sale of a special license 5 **(2)** 6 plate, removable windshield placard, or a temporary-removable 7 windshield placard, issued pursuant to Title 16 GCA § 7120.1; or 8 (3) the copying, forging, or use of a fraudulent special license plate, removable windshield placard, or a temporary-9 removable windshield placard, issued pursuant to Title 16 GCA § 10 11 7120.1; 12 (b) Any person: 13 (1) parking within a designated accessible parking space(s) 14 without a special license plate, removable windshield placard, or a temporary-windshield placard on public or private property made 15 16 available for public use; or blocking access to aisle(s) adjacent to accessible parking 17 (2) space(s) on public or private property made available for public use, is 18 19 guilty of a violation." Section 4. §3401.1(d) and (e) of Article 4, Chapter 3, Title 16, Guam Code 20 Annotated, are hereby repealed and reenacted to read: 21 22 "(d) Penalty. Any person with a disability, who has applied for and 23 received a special license plate, removable windshield placard, or a 24 temporary-removable windshield placard, and who allows another individual 25 usage of assigned special license plate or placard, is in violation of this Act 26 and guilty of a violation.

(e) A violation of Subsections (b), (c), or (d) of this Section is punishable by a fine *no less than* Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) and *no more than* Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). A violation of Subsections (b)(1) or (c) of this Section, or of Title 16 GCA Chapter 3, or §3401(d) by any individual(s) qualifying as a disabled person, as defined within Title 16 GCA §7120.1(a)(2), may have citation(s) dismissed upon the presentation of a special license plate or a removable windshield placard obtained pursuant to §7120.1 of Title 16, GCA before the Court. The Courts may, at its discretion and by direction, create a methodology and system that authorizes the administrative support services of the Courts to certify the presentation of a placard by a person with a disability for the purposes of dismissal in order to forgo the need of a personal court appearance, and that such methodology and system strongly consider the potential for abuse.

All fines imposed hereunder by the Court *shall* be deposited into the Accessible Parking Fund, maintained by the Guam Police Department pursuant to Title 5 GCA § 50111(c). Additionally, any vehicle(s) illegally parked pursuant to this Subsection, may be towed; and the owner of such vehicle(s) will be liable for reasonable towing expenses, which *shall* constitute a lien against the offending vehicle."

**Section 5.** A new §3401.1(m) is hereby *added* to Article 4 of Chapter 3, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"(m) When issuing a special license plate, a removable windshield placard, a Guam drivers license, a Guam motorcycle license, or a vehicle registration, the Department of Revenue and Taxation *shall* distribute literature detailing the appropriate use of a special license plate, removable windshield placard, or a temporary-removable placard, covering Title 16 GCA, Chapter 3, §3401.1(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e), and §3401(d). The

1		aforementioned informative literature shall be produced with funds from the
2		Accessible Parking Fund, maintained by the Guam Police Department,
3		within sixty (60) days upon the passage of this provision into law."
4		Section 6. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon enactment into
5	law.	