

I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Received
Bill Log Sheet

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES
306-32 (COR)	FRANK B. AGUON, JR	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUAM VETERANS REGISTRY AS MANDATED IN PUBLIC LAW 32-101.	4/7/14 11:34 a.m	04/07/14	Committee on Appropriations, Public Debt, Legal Affairs, Retirement, Public Parks, Recreation, Historic Preservation, and Land	08/28/14 10:00 a.m.	11/21/14 10:32 a.m.	Fiscal Note Request 04/08/15 Fiscal Note Received 5/13/14
	DATE PASSED	TITLE	TRANSMITTED		DUE DATE	<small>DATE SIGNED BY I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN</small>	PUBLIC LAW NO.	NOTES
	12/17/2014	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUAM VETERANS REGISTRY, AS MANDATED IN PUBLIC LAW 32-101.	12/21/14	6:35 p.m.	01/01/15			As amended on the Floor.



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I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
THIRTY-SECOND GUAM LEGISLATURE
155 Hesler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

December 21, 2014

The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo
I Maga'láhen Guåhan
Ufisinan I Maga'láhi
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Case 40, Jesse J
12/21/14
6:35 pm

Dear *Maga'láhi* Calvo:

Transmitted herewith are Bill and Substitute Bill Nos. 224-32 (COR); 293-32 (COR); 306-32 (COR); 332-32 (LS); 344-32 (COR); 345-32 (COR); 376-32 (COR); 381-32 (COR); 391-32 (LS); 399-32 (COR); 400-32 (COR); 402-32 (COR); 405-32 (COR); 406-32 (COR); 412-32 (COR); 413-32 (LS); 416-32 (COR); 418-32 (COR); 419-32 (COR); 420-32 (COR); 421-32 (COR); 422-32 (COR); 423-32 (COR); 424-32 (LS); 425-32 (LS); 426-32 (COR); 427-32 (COR); 428-32 (COR); 429-32 (COR); 430-32 (COR); and 434-32 (COR), which were passed by *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on December 17 and 19, 2014.

Sincerely,

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary

Enclosure (31)

**I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session**

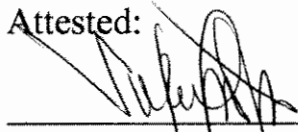
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that **Bill No. 306-32 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUAM VETERANS REGISTRY, AS MANDATED IN PUBLIC LAW 32-101," was on the 17th day of December, 2014, duly and regularly passed.



**Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker**

Attested:



**Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary**

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this 21 day of Dec
2014, at
6:35 o'clock P.M.



**Assistant Staff Officer
*Maga'lahi's Office***

APPROVED:

**EDWARD J.B. CALVO
*I Maga'lahen Guåhan***

Date: _____

Public Law No. _____

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 306-32 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE OFFICE
OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUAM VETERANS
REGISTRY, AS MANDATED IN PUBLIC LAW 32-101.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.**

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that Public Law 32-101 recognizes the Office
4 of Veterans Affairs as the official local agency for establishing and maintaining the
5 Guam Veterans Registry (Registry), which *shall* be updated no less than
6 semiannually. The information obtained from the Registry will help to strengthen
7 our application as we work to secure future funding from the federal government

1 for our island's veterans. Additionally, the Registry would be used to provide
2 current information on health care, on home-based care, and the very best
3 programs, benefits and services possible.

4 Our veterans are approaching us with more specific needs than in the past:
5 increasing personnel, and ensuring access to resources by building on existing
6 programs; and establishing and maintaining a Guam Veterans Registry is the right
7 thing to do to provide the highest level of care. Additionally, in order to continue
8 providing claim forms preparation as a free service to our local veterans through
9 the Veterans Affairs Office, representatives are required to be an accredited claims
10 agent. Accreditation means the authority granted by the VA to representatives,
11 agents, and attorneys to assist claimants in the preparation, presentation, and
12 prosecution of claims for VA benefits [38 C.F.R. § 14.627(a)]. Without
13 accreditation, an individual may not independently assist claimants in the
14 preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims for VA benefits. *I Liheslatura*
15 clearly understands this and has appropriated Six Hundred Nineteen Thousand
16 Dollars (\$619,000) within the FY 2014 Budget to the Office of Veterans Affairs,
17 which is a significant increase from the FY 2013 Budget of Three Hundred
18 Twenty-two Thousand Dollars (\$322,000).

19 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that based on *I Maga'lahren Guåhan's*
20 transmittal letter to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* on December 16, 2013,
21 regarding the need for sufficient appropriations to comply with Public Law 32-101,
22 *I Maga'lahren Guåhan* requested *I Liheslatura* to follow-up by providing the Office
23 of Veterans Affairs with the means necessary to carry out the obligations imposed
24 upon it by this new law.

25 **Section 2. Implementation of the Guam Veterans Registry.**

26 The sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) is appropriated from revenue
27 in excess of the Fiscal Year 2015 projections of the General Fund to the Office of

1 Veterans Affairs for the implementation of the Guam Veterans Registry, as
2 mandated in Public Law 32-101; and *shall* include, but *not* be limited to, the
3 following:

4 (1) To hire two (2) additional personnel under the following
5 position title and salaries in accordance with Department of Administration:

6 (A) Clerk I;

7 (B) Clerk Typist I; and

8 (2) To purchase materials, supplies and office equipment to
9 implement and sustain the Guam Veterans Registry; and

10 (3) Implementation within ninety (90) days of enactment.

11 Said funds *shall not* be subject to any transfer authority of *I Maga'lahaen*
12 *Guåhan*. Said funds *shall* continue to be available until fully expended for the
13 purpose stated herein.

14 **Section 3. Reporting Requirement.**

15 The Administrator of the Office of Veterans Affairs *shall* submit a report to *I*
16 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan* and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, *no later than* one hundred eighty
17 (180) days after the date of enactment of this Act, detailing the implementation of
18 the Guam Veterans Registry and all the transactions pertaining to the funds
19 appropriated herein.

20 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* be effective upon enactment.

21 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application
22 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not
23 affect any other provision or application of this Act which can be given effect
24 without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
25 Act are severable.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN

2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Voting Sheet

Bill No. 306-32 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

Speaker Antonio R. Unipingco Legislative Session Hall

December 17, 2014

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Not Voting/ Abstained</u>	<u>Out During Roll Call</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Senator Thomas "Tom" C. ADA	✓				
Senator V. Anthony "Tony" ADA	✓				
Senator Frank Blas AGUON Jr.	✓				
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. CRUZ	✓				
Senator Christopher M. DUENAS	✓				
Senator Michael LIMTIACO	✓				
Senator Brant McCREADIE	✓				
Senator Thomas "Tommy" MORRISON	✓				
Senator Tina Rose MUÑA BARNES	✓				
Senator Rory J. RESPICIO	✓				
Senator Dennis G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr.	✓				
Senator Michael F. Q.SAN NICOLAS	✓				
Speaker Judith T. WON PAT, Ed.D.	✓				
Senator Aline A. YAMASHITA, Ph.D.	✓				

TOTAL

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Yea

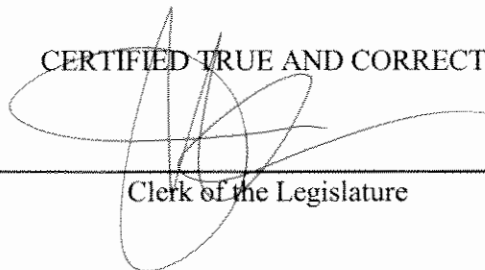
Nay

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Roll Call

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:



Clerk of the Legislature

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