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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hessler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 260-30(COR) "AN ACT TO AMEND §67107 OF CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ALLOWING GREATER PARTICIPATION OF VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE GUAM VETERANS COMMISSION " which I signed into law on February 8, 2010 as Public Law 30-86.

Sinseru yan Magåhet,

[Handwritten signature of Felix P. Camacho]

FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'låhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

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

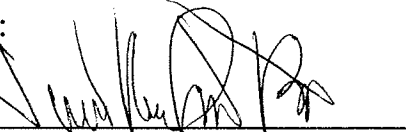
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 260-30 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §67107 OF CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ALLOWING GREATER PARTICIPATION OF VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE GUAM VETERANS COMMISSION," was on the 22nd day of January, 2010, 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'lahaen Guåhan* this 28th day of January, 2010, at
3:34 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahaen's Office

APPROVED:



FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan

Date: FEB 08 2010

Public Law No. P.L. 30-86

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

Bill No. 260-30 (COR)

As substituted by the Committee on Utilities,
Transportation, Public Works and Veterans Affairs,
and amended.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* §67107 OF CHAPTER 67, TITLE
10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
ALLOWING GREATER PARTICIPATION OF
VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE GUAM
VETERANS COMMISSION.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that the Guam Veterans Commission is the “voice” of the many veterans that reside on
4 Guam. There are some Veteran Service Organizations that are *not* recognized by the
5 U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs; however, these Veteran Service Organizations
6 continue to provide support and resources to Guam’s veterans and provide an

1 invaluable service. These Veteran Service Organizations deserve to be represented on
2 the Guam Veterans Commission, which is tasked to provide veterans and their
3 families information regarding benefits and services to the Guam veteran population.
4 By allowing all Veteran Service Organizations to be represented on the Commission,
5 more Guam veterans and their families will receive information about the services and
6 benefits available to them.

7 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that *only bona fide* veteran organizations should
8 participate in the Guam Veterans Commission activities. As such, members of the
9 commission should, at a minimum, be registered as a nonprofit organization and duly
10 registered with the Department of Revenue and Taxation.

11 **Section 2. §67107 of Chapter 67 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is**
12 **hereby *amended* to read as follows:**

13 **“§67107. Guam Veterans Commission.** There is hereby established
14 a Guam Veterans Commission which *shall* consist of: (1) four (4) members
15 representing the respective veterans *or* retirees association for each branch of
16 the U.S. Armed Forces, i.e. U.S. Army Retirees (or Veterans) Association, U.S.
17 Air Force Retirees (or Veterans) Association, U.S. Navy Retirees (or Veterans)
18 Association, and USMC Retirees (or Veterans) Associations; and (2) members
19 from the officially chartered Guam chapters of multi-service Veteran Service
20 Organizations. Organizations to be represented on the Guam Veterans
21 Commission are required to be duly registered as a non-profit corporation with
22 the Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation in accordance with Title 18 of
23 Guam Code Annotated and *shall* furnish the Guam Veterans Affairs Office each
24 year a copy of the Non-profit Annual Report filed with Department of Revenue
25 and Taxation. The Commander *or* designee of each Veteran Service
26 Organization *shall* be the representative on the Veterans Commission. Every
27 representative *shall* serve for the term of the Commander, but *not more than*

1 two (2) years. *If* the Commander's term *exceeds* two (2) years, the Veteran
2 Service Organization *shall* appoint a successor to serve during the term of the
3 incumbent Commander. Should a Veteran Service Organization have *more*
4 *than* one (1) Chapter, then the membership within the Commission *shall* be
5 rotated among the Commanders of those Chapters, with the order of the rotation
6 decided among those Chapters. A majority (50% plus one) of the number of
7 members on the Commission *shall* constitute a quorum. The Commission *shall*
8 meet quarterly and *shall* advise the Veterans Affairs Officer regarding matters
9 affecting veterans and related issues. The Commission *shall* provide veterans
10 and their families with the opportunity to air grievances for the purpose of
11 effecting corrective action *or* change to existing policies that affect delivery of
12 benefits and services to the Guam veteran population. The members of the
13 Commission are volunteers and *shall not* receive compensation.

14 **§67107.1. New Membership Process.** The process for new
15 membership to the Guam Veterans Commission is as follows:

- 16 (a) The Guam Veterans Affairs Office *shall* receive new membership
17 requests and submit same to the Chairman of the Guam Veterans
18 Commission.
- 19 (b) The Veterans Commission *shall* review the new membership
20 request and forward its recommendation to *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*
21 for appropriate action.”