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

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 360-30 (COR) "AN ACT TO **ADD** A NEW SUBSECTION (e) TO §7160, AND A NEW SUBSECTION (f) TO §7161 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; TO **ADD** A NEW SUBSECTION (d) TO §51506, CHAPTER 51, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO **AMEND** §7120.2(e) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, AS **AMENDED** BY PUBLIC LAW 30-115, RELATIVE TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE PLATE FEES FOR VETERANS RATED AT A 100% DISABILITY OR INDIVIDUAL UNEMPLOYABILITY", which I signed into law on May 17, 2010 as Public Law 30-144.

Sinseru yan Magahet,

MICHAEL W. CRUZ, M.D.
I Maga'láhen Guahan para pa'go
Acting Governor of Guahan

30-10-0462

Attachment: copy of Bill

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 Bill No. 360-30 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (e) TO §7160, AND A NEW SUBSECTION (f) TO §7161 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (d) TO §51506, CHAPTER 51, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO AMEND §7120.2(e) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 30-115, RELATIVE TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE PLATE FEES FOR VETERANS RATED AT A 100% DISABILITY OR INDIVIDUAL UNEMPLOYABILITY", was on the 3rd day of May, 2010, duly and regularly passed.



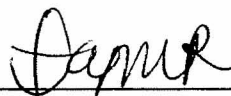
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.
Speaker

Attest:



Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'lahaen Guåhan this 5th day of may, 2010, at
4:00 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'laha's Office

APPROVED:



MIKE W. CRUZ, MD
GOVERNOR OF GUAM ACTING

MAY 17 2010

Date: _____

Public Law No. P.L. 30-144

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

Bill No. 360-30 (COR)

As amended.

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW SUBSECTION (e) TO §7160, AND A NEW SUBSECTION (f) TO §7161 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; TO *ADD* A NEW SUBSECTION (d) TO §51506, CHAPTER 51, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO *AMEND* §7120.2(e) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, AS *AMENDED* BY PUBLIC LAW 30-115, RELATIVE TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE PLATE FEES FOR VETERANS RATED AT A 100% DISABILITY OR INDIVIDUAL UNEMPLOYABILITY.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that veterans have contributed significantly to protect our freedoms through their
4 dedicated and unselfish military service to our island and country.

5 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that some veterans have endured physical,
6 emotional and psychological injuries resulting in 100% Disability or Individual
7 Unemployability (due to service-related injuries).

8 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that in 2008 there were approximately 364
9 veterans from Guam who have been determined by the U.S. Department of
10 Veterans Affairs (USDVA) to be either 100% Disabled (approximately 169
11 veterans), or Individually Unemployable (approximately 195 veterans). These
12 rated Veterans represent less than 25% of the total Guamanian veterans receiving
13 compensation for service connected compensation or individual unemployability.

14 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that in order to operate a vehicle on Guam
15 roads, the vehicle must be registered annually with the Department of Revenue and
16 Taxation. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the annual Motor Vehicle
17 Registration Assessment (which consists of the Recycling fee, Street Light Fund
18 fee and the annual License and Registration fee) could range between \$81 to \$119.

19 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends is to extend a benefit to these rated veterans
20 by waiving the annual assessment associated with the registration of a non-
21 commercial passenger vehicle owned by the rated veteran. Furthermore, the waiver
22 of the annual Motor Vehicle Registration assessment to this small segment of the
23 community will have a negligible impact on the revenues of the Government of
24 Guam.

25 **Section 2.** A new Subsection (e) is hereby *added* to §7160, Chapter 7,
26 Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

1 “(e) The annual license and registration fee in §7160 (a) *shall* be
2 waived for any veteran determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans
3 Affairs (USDVA) to be 100% Disabled or Individually Unemployable due
4 to military service connected injuries. The fee shall be waived for one (1)
5 non-commercial passenger vehicle, which includes small sedans, coupes,
6 and station wagons manufactured primarily for the purpose of carrying
7 passengers and including those passenger cars pulling other light trailers,
8 registered to the veteran, or legal guardian applying for benefits under this
9 Section. A copy of the Decision Letter issued by the USDVA, which
10 certifies the disability rating, must be furnished to the Department of
11 Revenue and Taxation in order to waive the annual Motor Vehicle
12 Registration Assessment.”

13 **Section 3.** A new Subsection (f) is hereby *added* to §7161, Chapter 7, Title
14 16, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

15 “(f) The Street Light Fund fee in this Section *shall* be waived for
16 any veteran determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
17 (USDVA) to be 100% Disabled or Individually Unemployable due to
18 military service connected injuries. The fee *shall* be waived for one (1) non-
19 commercial passenger vehicle, which include small sedans, coupes, and
20 station wagons manufactured primarily for the purpose of carrying
21 passengers and including those passenger cars pulling other light trailers,
22 registered to the veteran, or legal guardian applying for benefits under this
23 Section. A copy of the Decision Letter issued by the USDVA, which
24 certifies the disability rating, must be furnished to the Department of
25 Revenue and Taxation in order to waive the annual Street Light Fund Fee.”

26 **Section 4.** A new Subsection (d) is hereby *added* to §51506, Chapter 51,
27 Article 5, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

1 “(d) The Recycling fee in Subsection (a) *shall* be waived for any
2 veteran determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA)
3 to be 100% Disabled or Individually Unemployable due to military service
4 connected injuries. The fee *shall* be waived for one (1) non-commercial
5 passenger vehicle, which include small sedans, coupes, and station wagons
6 manufactured primarily for the purpose of carrying passengers and including
7 those passenger cars pulling other light trailers, registered to the veteran, or
8 legal guardian applying for benefits under this Section. A copy of the
9 Decision Letter issued by the USDVA, which certifies the disability rating,
10 must be furnished to the Department of Revenue and Taxation in order to
11 waive the annual Recycling Fee.”

12 **Section 5.** §7120.2(e) of Chapter 7, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, as
13 *amended* by P.L. 30-115, is hereby *amended* to read:

14 “(e) Fee. The fee for the issuance of a veteran license plate shall not
15 exceed the fee charged for a similar license plate for the same class of
16 vehicle.”

17 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective April 1, 2010.

18 **Section 7. Severability.** *If* any provision of this Law or its application to
19 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such
20 invalidity shall *not* affect other provisions or applications of this Law which can be
21 given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the
22 provisions of this Law are severable.