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Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
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Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 135-32 (COR) "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT §67107 OF CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE REPRESENTATION OF THE NUMBER OF VETERANS SERVING ON THE GUAM VETERANS COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" which I signed into law on April 28, 2014 as Public Law 32-138.

Senseramente,

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I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Substitute Bill No. 135-32 (COR)**, “AN ACT TO *REPEAL AND REENACT* § 67107 OF CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE REPRESENTATION OF THE NUMBER OF VETERANS SERVING ON THE GUAM VETERANS COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,” was on the 15th day of April, 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'lahaen Guåhan* this 16 day of April,
2014, at 1:10 o'clock P.M.



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APPROVED:



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan

Date: APR 28 2014

Public Law No. 32-138

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2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 135-32 (COR)

As substituted by the Committee on
Guam U.S. Military Relocation,
Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs,
and Judiciary; and amended on the Floor.

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**AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT § 67107 OF
CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,
RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE REPRESENTATION
OF THE NUMBER OF VETERANS SERVING ON THE
GUAM VETERANS COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

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

2 **Section 1.** § 67107 of Chapter 67 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated,
3 relative to the Guam Veterans Commission, is hereby *repealed* and *reenacted* to
4 read as follows:

1 **“§ 67107. Guam Veterans Commission.**

2 (a) Commission Membership.

3 There is hereby established a Guam Veterans Commission which
4 *shall*, at a minimum, be composed of a total of nine members, to
5 include the following representation:

6 (1) four members, each of whom *shall* be
7 representative of a veterans or retirees association for each
8 branch of the U.S. Armed Forces to consist of:

9 (A) U.S. Army Retirees (or Veterans)
10 Association;

11 (B) U.S. Air Force Retirees (or Veterans)
12 Association;

13 (C) U.S. Navy Retirees (or Veterans)
14 Association; and

15 (D) U.S. Marine Corps Retirees (or Veterans)
16 Associations;

17 (2) two members from the officially chartered Guam
18 chapters of multi-service Veteran Service Organizations.
19 Organizations to be represented on the Guam Veterans
20 Commission, pertaining to Subsections (1) and (2), are required
21 to be duly registered as a non-profit organization with the
22 Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation, in accordance
23 with Title 18 of Guam Code Annotated; and/or is registered as a
24 non-profit organization within the United States and recognized
25 as exempt under IRC 501(c)(19). The organizations *shall*
26 furnish the Guam Veterans Affairs Office with a copy of an
27 official documentation reflecting such requirement; and

1 (3) a maximum of three members, whom each *shall* be
2 a veteran, may be appointed from other veteran organizations
3 on Guam, to include the Coast Guard. Should a Veteran
4 Service Organization have *more than* one Chapter, each
5 Chapter may recommend a representative to serve as a member
6 of the Commission, of which said appointment may be
7 authorized to serve as provided herein.

8 (4) Ex-Officio Members. With the recommendation of
9 the Guam Veterans Commission, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* may
10 appoint as an ex-officio, non-voting member a veteran of a
11 foreign country who has fought alongside U.S. armed forces
12 members as allies in combat, who is representative of an
13 established veterans organization on Guam, and who has
14 resided on Guam for a minimum of three years immediately
15 preceding the appointment. Said veteran *shall* serve for a term
16 of three years from the date of appointment.

17 (b) Commission Membership Terms and Conduct of
18 Business.

19 (1) Veteran Organization Appointments.

20 The Commander, or designee, of Veteran Service Organizations
21 *shall* present in writing to the Chairman of the Commission the
22 name of the individual who *shall* represent their organization to
23 serve on the Commission, which *shall* be subject to the
24 aforementioned provisions above.

25 (2) Terms of Commission Members.

26 Every member of the Commission *shall* serve for a term of
27 three years, to commence on the date of appointment. Should

1 the representative terminate his/her term prior to the conclusion
2 of the three years, the Veteran Service Organization *shall*
3 appoint a successor to serve for a new three year term, which
4 *shall* commence upon the date of appointment. Said
5 appointment *shall* be in writing and presented to the Chairman
6 of the Guam Veterans Commission, with a copy to be furnished
7 to the Veterans Affairs Officer of the Office of Veterans
8 Affairs.

9 (3) Quorum Requirements.

10 For purposes of a quorum and for the official conduct of
11 business, a minimum of five voting members on the
12 Commission *shall* constitute a quorum. For the official conduct
13 of business, a majority of the members present, following the
14 constituting of a quorum, *shall* be required to conduct official
15 business.

16 (4) Scheduled Meetings.

17 The Commission *shall* meet monthly and *shall* advise the
18 Veterans Affairs Officer regarding matters affecting veterans
19 and related issues. Said meeting times, place and dates *shall* be
20 decided to allow the greatest level of participation and
21 attendance by Commission members.

22 (5) Veteran Community Participation.

23 The Commission *shall* provide veterans and their families with
24 the opportunity to air grievances for the purpose of effecting
25 corrective action or change to existing policies that affect the
26 delivery of benefits and services to the Guam veteran
27 population.

1 (6) Administrative Support.

2 The VAO, through the direction of the VAO Administrator,
3 *shall* provide administrative support to the Guam Veterans
4 Commission in the conduct of its meetings.

5 (7) Commission Activities.

6 Upon official written request by the Chairman of the
7 Commission for information or action by the VAO
8 Administrator on issues affecting the Commission or Veterans,
9 the VAO Administrator *shall* provide a written response to the
10 Commission within four weeks from the date of receipt of such
11 communication. Should the VAO Administrator require
12 additional time to provide a sufficient response to the matter,
13 the VAO *shall* request in writing a time extension, *not to*
14 *exceed* an additional four weeks, and further provide
15 justification for the need for such time extension in said written
16 communication. Such request *shall* be granted upon receipt by
17 the Chairman of the Commission.”

18 **Section 2. Effective Date.** The provisions contained herein *shall* be
19 effective upon enactment of this Act.