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The Honorable Vicente C. Pangelinan
Speaker
I Mina'Bente Siete Na Liheslaturan Guahån
Twenty-Seventh Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Pangelinan:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 11 (COR), "AN ACT RELATIVE TO ASSISTING DRIVERS LICENSED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN THE ACQUISITION OF A GUAM DRIVER'S LICENSE BY *ADDING* A NEW SUBSECTION (d) AND *AMENDING* SUBSECTION (c) OF §3101 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED," which I signed into law on December 17, 2003, as **Public Law No. 27-48**.

It has often been difficult for the men and women of the U. S. Armed Forces stationed here to obtain a Guam driver's license. This law will do much to alleviate this burden. It exempts persons with a driver's license from other territories, Commonwealth, or state of the United States, which includes military personnel and their dependants, from the requirement of taking the written driver's license test, but all fees assessed for them to get a driver's license remain in effect. The new law should expedite the process for many of them to acquire a Guam driver's license which I am sure will contribute towards a positive and enjoyable stay on Guam.

Sincerely yours,



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

Attachment: copy attached of signed bill

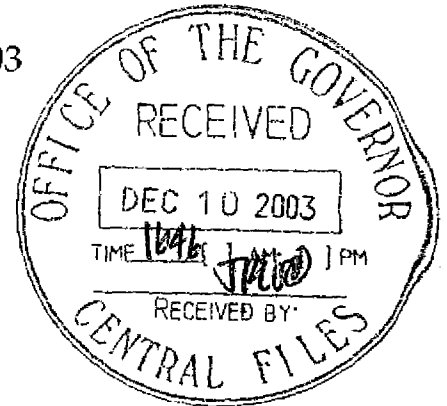
cc: The Honorable Tina Rose Muna-Barnes
Senator and Legislative Secretary



MINA' BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
TWENTY-SEVENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
155 Hessler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

December 10, 2003

The Honorable Felix P. Camacho
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan
Ufisinin I Maga'lahi
Hagåtña, Guam 96910



Dear *Maga'lahi* Camacho:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 60(COR), 62(COR), 78(LS), 107(COR), 139(COR), 154(COR) and 182(LS), and Substitute Bill Nos. 11(COR), 23(COR), 32(COR), 66(LS), 156(COR), 169(LS) and 171(LS) which were passed by *I Mina' Bente Siete Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on December 6, 2003.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tina Rose Muña Barnes".

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary

Enclosures (14)

CFI# 1203-4250

I MINA'BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2003 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 11 (COR), "AN ACT RELATIVE TO ASSISTING DRIVERS LICENSED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN THE ACQUISITION OF A GUAM DRIVER'S LICENSE BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (d) AND AMENDING SUBSECTION (c) OF §3101 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED," was on the 6th day of December, 2003, duly and regularly passed.

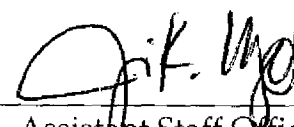
vicente (ben) c. pangelinan
Speaker

Attested:




Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Senator and Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* this 10th day of December, 2003, at 4:50 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahaen's Office

APPROVED:



FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan

Date: 12/17/03

Public Law No. 27-48

I MINA'BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2003 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 11 (COR)

As substituted by the Committee
on Judiciary and Transportation,
and further substituted and
amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

F. B. Aguon, Jr.

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R. J. Respicio

T. R. Muña Barnes

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Toni Sanford

Ray Tenorio

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO ASSISTING DRIVERS LICENSED
IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN THE ACQUISITION OF A
GUAM DRIVER'S LICENSE BY ADDING A NEW
SUBSECTION (d) AND AMENDING SUBSECTION (c) OF
§3101 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE
ANNOTATED.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
3 recognizes that in order to further enhance the relationship between the
4 local community and the military community, it is important that mutual
5 concerns that affect both entities be discussed and effectively addressed.

1 This would insure that opportunities for improving this relationship and
2 enhancing the quality of lives of our partner military personnel and their
3 families contribute toward a positive and enjoyable stay on Guam. A
4 concern that has been expressed by several individuals who are working
5 toward enhancing the quality of lives of these military personnel and their
6 families on Guam is the requirement for them to take the written driver's
7 license examination prior to acquiring the necessary Guam driver's license.
8 Suggestions have been made that these individuals who are temporarily
9 residing on Guam due to the tour of duty assignment be permitted to
10 exchange their valid stateside driver's license for a Guam driver's license
11 and to pay the appropriate fees. A written driver's test is a mandated
12 requirement nationwide prior to the issuance of a driver's license in any of
13 the fifty (50) states and territories, and in many cases these tests are
14 relatively similar to the written tests administered by the Division of Motor
15 Vehicles of the Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation. It has been
16 recommended that these military personnel and their family members be
17 exempted from the requirement of taking such a written test. All fees
18 assessed for the acquisition of a driver's license will remain in effect. This
19 Provision would therefore exempt such individuals from taking the written
20 test, and should expedite the process for many of them to acquire a Guam
21 driver's license.

22 **Section 2. Driver's License Written Test Exemption for Persons**
23 **Who Possess a Valid U.S. Driver's License.** A new Subsection (d) is *added*
24 to §3101 of Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 16 of the Guam Code Annotated as
25 follows and all existing Subsections (d) through (n) are renumbered

1 accordingly:

2 “(d) A person having in his immediate possession a valid
3 operator’s license or chauffeur’s license issued by any other territory,
4 Commonwealth, or state of the United States, may drive a motor
5 vehicle upon the roads and highways for a period not exceeding
6 thirty (30) days from the date such person arrived on Guam.
7 However, upon the expiration of such thirty (30) day period, such
8 person must apply for a Guam driver’s license and shall be exempted
9 from taking the written driver’s license examination. Upon issuance
10 of the Guam driver’s license, such person shall surrender the driver’s
11 license previously issued by the other United States jurisdiction, to
12 the Division of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Revenue and
13 Taxation, unless the Director of Revenue and Taxation has adopted
14 other procedures for the disposition of the previously issued license
15 from the other United States jurisdiction.”

16 **Section 3.** Subsection (c) of §3101 of Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 16 of
17 the Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* as follows:

18 “(c) A person having in his immediate possession a valid
19 operator’s license or chauffeur’s license issued by the Republic of
20 Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the
21 Marshall Islands, Japan, the Republic of China (Taiwan), countries of
22 the European Union, Canada, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea,
23 the Republic of the Philippines, or Australia may drive a motor
24 vehicle upon the highways for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days
25 from the date such person arrived on Guam. However, upon the

1 expiration of such thirty (30) day period, such person must (i) apply
2 for a Guam driver's license, and (ii) be required to take a written test,
3 and if that person passes the written test, then a driver's license shall
4 be issued; provided however, if such person fails the written test
5 twice, such person shall be required to complete a driver education
6 seminar before being allowed to retake the test, which seminar must
7 include at least eight (8) hours of classroom instruction and four (4)
8 hours of in-car instruction, and must pass the required road test. An
9 individual is entitled to take a written test only three (3) times
10 pursuant to this Subsection, and to be issued a license under this
11 Subsection, an individual must pass both the written and the road
12 test.

13 In addition, a person having in his immediate possession a
14 temporary operator's or chauffeur's license issued under this Title
15 may drive a motor vehicle upon the highways for a period not
16 exceeding thirty (30) days, while the Guam Police Department is
17 completing investigation and determination of all facts relative to the
18 applicant's right to receive a license. Such temporary license is
19 invalid when the applicant's license has been issued or refused."