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The Honorable Mark Forbes Speaker Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 155 Hessler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 17(LS), "AN ACT TO AMEND §67107 OF TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE GUAM VETERANS COMMISSION" which I signed into law on September 7, 2007 as Public Law 29-09.

Sinseru yan Magåhet,

FELIX P. CAMACHO

I Maga'låhen Guåhan Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy of Bill

The Honorable Ray Tenorio cc:

Senator and Legislative Secretary

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MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

TWENTY-NINTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 155 Hessler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

August 27, 2007

The Honorable Felix P. Camacho I Maga'lahen Guåhan Ufisinan I Maga'lahi Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Maga'lahi Camacho:



Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 3(LS), 6(LS), 27(EC), 53(EC), 57(EC), 60(EC), 61(EC), 62(EC), 100(LS) and Substitute Bill Nos. 2(LS), 17(EC), 22(EC), 40(EC), 52(EC), 97(LS) & 112(EC) which were passed by I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan on August 23, 2007.

Sincerely,

RAY TENORIO

Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

Enclosures (16)

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 17 (EC), "AN ACT TO AMEND §67107 OF TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE GUAM VETERANS COMMISSION," was on the 23rd day of August 2007, duly and regularly passed.

Mark Forbes
Speaker

This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guåhan this 27 day of Aug., 2007, at 2:25 o'clock 9.M.

Assistant Staff Officer

Maga'lahn's Office

FELIX P. CAMACHO

I Maga'lahen Guåhan

Date: 7 Sept. 2007

Public Law No. 29-09

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 17 (EC)

As substituted by the Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military, Veterans and Foreign Affairs and amended.

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO AMEND §67107 OF TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE GUAM VETERANS COMMISSION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that there are Recognized Service Organizations registered in Guam that are not members of the Guam Veterans Commission. There are approximately thirty-five (35) Recognized Service Organizations recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prepare and prosecute claims under laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. It is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to have all Guam

- 1 chapters of Recognized Service Organizations become members of the Guam
- 2 Veterans Commission.
- Section 2. Amendment to §67107. §67107 of Title 10 Guam Code 4 Annotated is *amended* to read:
- 5 "§67107. Guam Veterans Commission. There is hereby 6 established, in the Office of Veterans Affairs, a Guam Veterans Commission which
- 7 shall consist of one (1) member each from the currently officially chartered Guam
- 8 chapters of the Recognized Service Organizations recognized by the U.S.
- 9 Department of Veterans Affairs. The Commander of each Recognized Service
- 10 Organization shall be the representative. Every representative shall serve for the
- term of the Commander, but not more than two (2) years. If the Commander's
- term exceeds two (2) years, the service organization shall appoint, by Chapter
- 13 Executive Council vote, a successor to serve during the term of the incumbent
- 14 Commander. Should a Recognized Service Organization have more than one (1)
- 15 Chapter, then the membership within the Commission shall be rotated among the
- 16 Commanders of those Chapters, with the order of the rotation decided among those
- 17 Chapters. Five (5) members *shall* constitute a quorum.
- The Commission shall meet quarterly and shall advise the Veterans Affairs
- 19 Officer regarding matters affecting veterans and eligible claimants regarding
- 20 Veterans Administration-related issues. The Commission shall provide veterans
- 21 and their families with the opportunity to air grievances for the purpose of
- 22 effecting corrective action or change to existing policies that affect delivery of
- 23 benefits and services to the Guam veteran population. The members of the
- 24 Commission are volunteers and shall not receive compensation."