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DEC 31 2014

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Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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Office of the Speaker
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
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Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 306-32 (COR) "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUAM VETERANS REGISTRY, AS MANDATED IN PUBLIC LAW 32-101" which I signed into law on December 29, 2014 as Public Law 32-210.

Senseramente,


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I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 306-32 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUAM VETERANS REGISTRY, AS MANDATED IN PUBLIC LAW 32-101," was on the 17th day of December, 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 21 day of Dec,
2014, at

6:35 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahaen's Office

APPROVED:



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan

Date: DEC 29 2014

Public Law No. 32-210

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Bill No. 306-32 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE OFFICE
OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUAM VETERANS
REGISTRY, AS MANDATED IN PUBLIC LAW 32-101.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.**

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that Public Law 32-101 recognizes the Office
4 of Veterans Affairs as the official local agency for establishing and maintaining the
5 Guam Veterans Registry (Registry), which *shall* be updated no less than
6 semiannually. The information obtained from the Registry will help to strengthen
7 our application as we work to secure future funding from the federal government

1 for our island's veterans. Additionally, the Registry would be used to provide
2 current information on health care, on home-based care, and the very best
3 programs, benefits and services possible.

4 Our veterans are approaching us with more specific needs than in the past:
5 increasing personnel, and ensuring access to resources by building on existing
6 programs; and establishing and maintaining a Guam Veterans Registry is the right
7 thing to do to provide the highest level of care. Additionally, in order to continue
8 providing claim forms preparation as a free service to our local veterans through
9 the Veterans Affairs Office, representatives are required to be an accredited claims
10 agent. Accreditation means the authority granted by the VA to representatives,
11 agents, and attorneys to assist claimants in the preparation, presentation, and
12 prosecution of claims for VA benefits [38 C.F.R. § 14.627(a)]. Without
13 accreditation, an individual may not independently assist claimants in the
14 preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims for VA benefits. *I Liheslatura*
15 clearly understands this and has appropriated Six Hundred Nineteen Thousand
16 Dollars (\$619,000) within the FY 2014 Budget to the Office of Veterans Affairs,
17 which is a significant increase from the FY 2013 Budget of Three Hundred
18 Twenty-two Thousand Dollars (\$322,000).

19 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that based on *I Maga'lahren Guåhan's*
20 transmittal letter to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* on December 16, 2013,
21 regarding the need for sufficient appropriations to comply with Public Law 32-101,
22 *I Maga'lahren Guåhan* requested *I Liheslatura* to follow-up by providing the Office
23 of Veterans Affairs with the means necessary to carry out the obligations imposed
24 upon it by this new law.

25 **Section 2. Implementation of the Guam Veterans Registry.**

26 The sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) is appropriated from revenue
27 in excess of the Fiscal Year 2015 projections of the General Fund to the Office of

1 Veterans Affairs for the implementation of the Guam Veterans Registry, as
2 mandated in Public Law 32-101; and *shall* include, but *not* be limited to, the
3 following:

4 (1) To hire two (2) additional personnel under the following
5 position title and salaries in accordance with Department of Administration:

6 (A) Clerk I;

7 (B) Clerk Typist I; and

8 (2) To purchase materials, supplies and office equipment to
9 implement and sustain the Guam Veterans Registry; and

10 (3) Implementation within ninety (90) days of enactment.

11 Said funds *shall not* be subject to any transfer authority of *I Maga'laha*
12 *Guåhan*. Said funds *shall* continue to be available until fully expended for the
13 purpose stated herein.

14 **Section 3. Reporting Requirement.**

15 The Administrator of the Office of Veterans Affairs *shall* submit a report to *I*
16 *Maga'laha Guåhan* and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, *no later than* one hundred eighty
17 (180) days after the date of enactment of this Act, detailing the implementation of
18 the Guam Veterans Registry and all the transactions pertaining to the funds
19 appropriated herein.

20 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* be effective upon enactment.

21 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application
22 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not
23 affect any other provision or application of this Act which can be given effect
24 without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
25 Act are severable.



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Dear Madame Speaker:

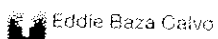
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