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I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
THIRTY-SECOND GUAM LEGISLATURE
155 Hesler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

November 13, 2013

The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo
I Maga'lahen Guåhan
Ufisinan I Maga'lahi
***Hagåtña,* Guam 96910**

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Dear *Maga'lahi* Calvo:

Transmitted herewith are Bill and Substitute Bill Nos. 35-32(COR), 74-32(LS), 75-32(LS), 91-32(COR), 94-32(COR), 98-32(LS), 99-32(LS), 108-32(COR), 112-32(COR), 116-32(COR), 133-32(COR), 134-32(COR), 140-32(COR), 141-32(COR), 143-32(COR), 145-32(LS), 150-32(COR), 153-32(COR), 154-32(COR), 156-32(COR), 157-32(COR), 158-32(COR), 160-32(COR), 161-32(COR), 162-32(LS), 165-32(COR), 170-32(LS), 176-32(COR), 189-32(COR), 193-32(COR), 194-32(COR), 195-32(COR), 196-32(COR), 200-32(COR), 205-32(COR), 210-32(COR), 211-32(COR) and 217-32(LS) which were passed by *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on November 12, 2013.

Sincerely,

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

Enclosures (38)

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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. 161-32 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (d) TO § 2101 OF CHAPTER 2, DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GUAM VETERANS TREATMENT COURT WITHIN THE JUDICIARY OF GUAM, AND TO BE KNOWN AS THE "JUSTICE FOR VETERANS ACT OF 2013",** was on the 12th day of November 2013, 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'lahen Guåhan* this 15th day of Nov, 2013, at 11:27 o'clock A.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahi's Office

APPROVED:

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'lahen Guåhan

Date: _____

Public Law No. _____

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

Bill No. 161-32 (COR)
As substituted by the Committee on Guam U. S. Military Relocation,
Homeland Security, Veterans' Affairs and Judiciary;
and further substituted and amended on the Floor.

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AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW SUBSECTION (d) TO § 2101 OF CHAPTER 2, DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GUAM VETERANS TREATMENT COURT WITHIN THE JUDICIARY OF GUAM, AND TO BE KNOWN AS THE "JUSTICE FOR VETERANS ACT OF 2013."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Establishment of a Guam Veterans Treatment Court within the Judiciary of Guam. A new Subsection (d) is hereby *added* to §2101 of

Chapter 2, Division 1, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated, relative to the establishment of a Guam Veterans Treatment Court, to read as follows:

"(d) **Establishment of the Guam Veterans Treatment Court.**

JUSTICE FOR VETERANS ACT OF 2013

GUAM VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

(1) Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes that veterans, to include active, reserve and National Guard servicemembers, have provided or are currently providing an invaluable service to our country. In so doing, some may suffer the effects of, including but *not* limited to, post traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and depression; and may also suffer drug and alcohol dependency, or addiction and co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse problems. As a result of this, some veterans or active duty servicemembers come into contact with the criminal justice system and are charged with felony or misdemeanor offenses. There is a critical need for the criminal justice system to recognize that these veterans may be suffering from a mental illness as a direct result of their service to our country, and that appropriate judicial consideration and treatment should be provided to the veteran in the application of justice. Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to realize the establishment of a veterans' treatment court program which would benefit Guam's veterans, their families, and the island community.

(2) Establishment of a Guam Veterans Treatment Court.

The Judicial Council of the Judiciary of Guam may establish, through a duly adopted resolution, a Guam Veterans Treatment Court program in accordance with the provisions contained in this Act. The Guam Veterans Treatment Court may be a separate court of record or

a program of a specialized treatment court within the Judiciary of Guam.

(3) Schedule of Fees for the Guam Veterans Treatment Court.

The Judicial Council may establish a fee schedule to supplement the cost for the conduct and operation of the Guam Veterans Treatment Court. The creation of such fees, if deemed necessary, *shall* be established in accordance with the Administrative Adjudication Act requirements as set forth in law."

Section 2. Severability. *If* any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

Section 3. Effective Date. The provisions contained herein *shall* be effective upon enactment of this Act.