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Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje
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Time: 10:37am
Received by:

Honorable Therese M. Terlaje
Acting Speaker
I Mina'trentai Kuåttro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Guam Congress Building
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Dear Madam Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 219-34 (COR), **"AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 40112(M), AND *ADD* A NEW § 40112(T) TO CHAPTER 40 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING MAYORS TO OFFER VETERAN STATUS DATA ON VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCY FORMS, AND INCLUDE THE SOLICITATION OF VETERAN DEMOGRAPHICS IN THEIR ANNUAL CENSUS FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE GUAM VETERANS REGISTRY AND CONNECTING THE GUAM VETERAN POPULATION TO AVAILABLE SERVICES,"** which was signed on October 17, 2018, as **Public Law 34-130.**

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Senseramente,

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I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2018 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 219-34 (COR), "AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 40112(M), AND *ADD* A NEW § 40112(T) TO CHAPTER 40 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING MAYORS TO OFFER VETERAN STATUS DATA ON VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCY FORMS, AND INCLUDE THE SOLICITATION OF VETERAN DEMOGRAPHICS IN THEIR ANNUAL CENSUS FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE GUAM VETERANS REGISTRY AND CONNECTING THE GUAM VETERAN POPULATION TO AVAILABLE SERVICES,"** was on the 4th day of October 2018, duly and regularly passed.

Therese M. Terlaje
Acting Speaker

Attested:

Régine Biscoe Lee
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* this 5th day of OCTOBER, 2018, at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'låhi's Office

APPROVED:

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'låhen Guåhan

Date:_____

Public Law No. 34-130

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2017 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 219-34 (COR)
As amended on the Floor.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that since the enactment of Public Law 32-101 in November 2013, the Office of

Veterans Affairs has been responsible for the establishment and maintenance of a Guam Veterans Registry.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the established number of veterans on the registry can help make the case to increase the level of services and benefits afforded to Guam veterans by the U.S. federal government. Public Law 32-101 authorizes the Office of Veterans Affairs to use data collected at other government agencies, which may be "*collecting the data in whole or in part*"; and allows that all other government agencies "*whenever applicable, shall render assistance*" to the Office of Veterans Affairs in implementing its provisions.

In furtherance of the current efforts of the Office of Veterans Affairs and other agencies, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to authorize village mayors to include the solicitation of veteran data during their annual census and offer the option of listing veteran status on a constituent's verification of residency form for the purpose of updating the Guam Veterans Registry and connecting the Guam veteran population to available services.

Section 2. § 40112(m) of Chapter 40, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

"(m) Conduct an annual census and maintain a current listing of names of all residents in his jurisdiction; and as part of the process of conducting the annual census, verify veteran status of residents, if any, and submit a separate annual report of the names and total number of veterans residing in his/her jurisdiction to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of updating the Guam Veterans Registry."

Section 3. A new § 40112(t) is hereby *added* to Chapter 40 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

"(t) Solicit veteran status (if any) of constituents applying for a verification of residency and offer the option of listing veteran status on the

verification of residency form, upon presentation of a DD214 form. Constituents may provide a copy of their DD214 form or other proof of veteran status as a qualifying document. With the documented consent of the party of interest, Mayors *shall* transmit a copy of the DD214 form or other proof of veteran status to the Office of Veteran Affairs no later than thirty (30) days after residency verification for the purpose of updating the Guam Veterans Registry and connecting veterans to available services. If constituent is unable to provide a DD214 form or other proof of veteran status, Mayors *shall* indicate on constituent's verification form that qualifying documents were not provided. With the documented consent of the party of interest, Mayor *shall* transmit a copy of the Mayor's Verification to the Office of Veteran Affairs. Transmission of forms may be made by electronic means over a secured network as prescribed by the Office of Technology and the Office of Veterans Affairs. The Office of Veteran Affairs *shall* have the authority to adopt regulations to implement and administer the provisions of this Subsection."