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174-37 (COR) As amended; and further amended by the Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning	Roy A. B. Quinata Joe S. San Agustin Sabina Flores Perez Therese M. Terlaje Chris Barnett Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas Amanda L. Shelton Tina Rose Muña Barnes William A. Parkinson Thomas J. Fisher	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 3102 OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING EIGHT-YEAR DRIVER'S LICENSES ISSUED THAT ALIGNS WITH THE MAXIMUM RENEWAL PERIOD ALLOWED UNDER THE REAL ID ACT.	9/25/23 3:21 p.m.	9/26/23	Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning	Request: 9/26/23 10/5/23	11/16/23 3:30 p.m.	2/6/24 4:27 p.m. As amended by the Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning 5/9/24 3:58 p.m. As amended by the Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning and further amended by the Committee	
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	9/23/24	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 3102 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING EIGHT (8)-YEAR DRIVER'S LICENSES THAT ALIGNS WITH THE MAXIMUM RENEWAL PERIOD ALLOWED UNDER THE REAL ID ACT.	10/7/24	10/8/24	10/19/24	37-126	10/9/24	Received: 10/9/24 Messages and Communications Doc. No. 37GL-24-2805	

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Transmitted via Email to: speaker@guamlegislature.org

October 9, 2024

THE HON. THERESE M. TERLAJE, *Speaker*
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Re: Bill No. 174-37 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 3102 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING EIGHT (8)-YEAR DRIVER'S LICENSES THAT ALIGN WITH THE MAXIMUM RENEWAL PERIOD ALLOWED UNDER THE REAL ID ACT."

Håfa Adai Madam Speaker,

Under Guam law, the Department of Revenue & Taxation (DRT) oversees numerous licensing and regulatory functions, but perhaps none affects the broadest segment of our community more than its administration of our drivers licensing laws. Though the DRT has provided a convenient online renewal process, and Guam law contains a provision that allows applicants to elect for a five (5) year renewal period, pursuant to the general licensing statute, every three (3) years, thousands of licensed drivers on Guam appear in person at DRT to renew their licenses. On any given day, it is common to see a long line forming outside the building hours before it opens, and if a driver does not line up early enough, the renewal process can take half a day. The process is time-consuming, inconvenient and inefficient, and results in extreme congestion of the DRT facility.

In contrast, the REAL ID system, which provides enhanced licenses that may serve as federal identification for certain purposes including travel and which is currently available on Guam, only requires renewal every eight (8) years. Many jurisdictions across the country also provide lengthier license terms for their residents, often up to eight (8) years, even for non-REAL ID licenses. Bill No. 174-37 proposes to close the gap between our local processes and those of these other jurisdictions.

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10/16/24
3:30 P.M.

To: The Hon. Therese M. Terlaje, Speaker
Fr: The Hon. Joshua F. Tenorio, Acting Governor of Guam
Date: October 9, 2024
Re: Bill No. 174-37 (COR)

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Though there is obvious revenue lost in longer renewal periods, I believe the resulting improvements to efficiency and convenience to DRT patrons outweighs such lost revenue. For this reason, I am signing Bill No. 174-37 into law as **Public Law No. 37-126**.

Senseraamente,



JOSHUA F. TENORIO

I Ákto Maga'låhen Guåhan
Acting Governor of Guam


Enclosure(s): Bill No. 174-37 (COR) nka P.L. 37-126

cc via email: The *Honorable* Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam
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I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 174-37 (COR)**, “AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 3102 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING EIGHT (8)-YEAR DRIVER’S LICENSES THAT ALIGNS WITH THE MAXIMUM RENEWAL PERIOD ALLOWED UNDER THE REAL ID ACT,” was on the 7th day of October 2024, duly and regularly passed.


Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker


Attested:


Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 8th day of October, 2024, at 9:00 o'clock A.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:



JOSHUA F. TENORIO, *I Åkto Maga'låhen Guåhan*

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 10-9-24

Public Law No. 37-126

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I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 174-37 (COR)

As amended; and further amended by the
Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation,
Labor, Procurement, and Statistics,
Research, and Planning.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 3102 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3,
TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
CREATING EIGHT (8)-YEAR DRIVER'S LICENSES
THAT ALIGNS WITH THE MAXIMUM RENEWAL
PERIOD ALLOWED UNDER THE REAL ID ACT.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
3 recognizes that extending the validity of driver's licenses issued by the Department
4 of Revenue and Taxation (DRT) from three (3) years to eight (8) years is a significant
5 step towards improving the efficiency and convenience of Guam's driver's licensing

1 system. This extension aligns with the maximum period authorized under the REAL
2 ID Act, a federal law that was enacted to enhance the security and integrity of
3 identification documents used for various purposes, including air travel and access
4 to federal facilities. By synchronizing Guam’s driver’s license expiration period with
5 the REAL ID Act, *I Liheslatura* aims to add an eight (8)-year driver’s license to the
6 existing license terms for our residents, and bring substantial benefits to both drivers
7 and the DRT because it will result in shorter lines for renewals.

8 **Section 2.** § 3102 of Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated,
9 is hereby *amended* to read:

10 **“§ 3102. Same: Fees.**

11 The following fee schedule in Subsections (a) through (h) is valid for a
12 three (3) year period. The applicant may elect for an operator’s license,
13 notwithstanding § 3101(m) of this Article, which shall be valid for a five (5)-
14 year period or for an eight (8)-year period; provided, that the fee for such a
15 license shall be Forty-five Dollars (\$45.00) for a five (5)-year license and
16 Sixty-five Dollars (\$65.00) for an eight (8)-year license. The fee for the
17 issuance of a motor vehicle driver’s license is as follows:

18	(a)	Operator’s License	\$25.00
19	(b)	Chauffeur’s License Class B	\$25.00
20	(c)	Chauffeur’s License Class C	\$25.00
21	(d)	Chauffeur’s License Class D	\$25.00
22	(e)	Motorcycle Class F	\$25.00
23	(f)	Mini Bus Class G	\$25.00
24	(g)	Modified Vehicle Class H	\$25.00
25	(h)	All other classes	\$25.00
26	(i)	Driver’s License Renewal Fee –	
27		Three (3) years	\$25.00

1		Five (5) years	\$45.00
2		Eight (8) years	\$65.00
3	(j)	Instruction Permit for 120 days	\$10.00
4	(k)	Driver's License Late Penalty	\$5.00
5		every three (3) months after	
6		expiration not to exceed	\$40.00
7	(l)	Temporary Driver's License	
8		valid for one (1) year	\$10.00
9	(m)	Reinstatement Fee	\$20.00
10	(n)	Out of Guam processing fee	\$10.00
11	(o)	Certification Fee	\$10.00
12	(p)	Written Test Fee	
13		(Operator, Chauffeur and Motorcycle)	\$15.00
14	(q)	Foreign Language Operator	
15		Written Test Fee	\$35.00
16	(r)	Cost of Mailing (the Department of Revenue and	
17		Taxation may adjust the mailing costs to provide for	
18		additional fees the U.S. Postal Service may charge)	
19			\$ 3.00

20 An instruction permit shall not be issued for a period to exceed ninety
21 (90) days. A temporary permit shall not be issued for a period to exceed thirty
22 (30) days.”

23 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.

24 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
25 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not
26 affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without

- 1 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
- 2 severable.