

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
BILL STATUS

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244-37 (COR) As amended by the Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Planning; and further amended on the Floor	Therese M. Terlaje Sabina Flores Perez Chris Barnett Joe S. San Agustin	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 57109 TO CHAPTER 57 OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING A GUAM IDENTIFICATION CARD AND GUAM REAL ID FEE WAIVER FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL, FOSTER CHILDREN, AND UPON ORDER BY THE COURT.	2/14/24 8:45 a.m.	2/15/24	Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning	Request: 2/15/24 2/26/24	3/28/24 9:00 a.m.	4/9/24 12:27 p.m.	As amended by the Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning
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4/19/24	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 57109 TO CHAPTER 57 OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING A GUAM IDENTIFICATION CARD AND GUAM REAL ID FEE WAIVER FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL, FOSTER CHILDREN OR CHILDREN UNDER THE CUSTODY OF CPS, A JUVENILE UPON ORDER BY THE COURT, AND RESIDENTS OF GUAM AGED SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OR OLDER.	4/26/24	4/26/24	5/8/24	37-94	5/8/24	Received: 5/8/24 Messages and Communications Doc. No. 37GL-24-2063		

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May 8, 2024

The Hon. Therese M. Terlaje
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Re: Bill No. 244-37 (COR) - AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 57109 TO CHAPTER 57 OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING A GUAM IDENTIFICATION CARD AND GUAM REAL ID FEE WAIVER FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL, FOSTER CHILDREN OR CHILDREN UNDER THE CUSTODY OF CPS, A JUVENILE UPON ORDER BY THE COURT, AND RESIDENTS OF GUAM AGED SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OR OLDER.

Håfa Adai Madam Speaker,

Bill No. 244-37 (COR) waives Guam Identification (ID) Card fees for residents who do not possess a valid driver's license or U.S. passport and are high school juniors and seniors, foster children or children under the custody of Child Protective Services, or juveniles required to obtain an identification card by the Superior Court of Guam. The Bill further waives ID fees for residents over sixty-five (65) years old.

The Bill also requires that the Department of Revenue and Taxation ("DRT") and the Guam Department of Education ("GDOE") implement a convenient system that minimizes time away from school and work for high school juniors and seniors and parents when obtaining an ID card, and requires village mayors to expedite requests for residency verifications from the DRT and the Department of Public Health & Social Services.

ID cards are crucial for young adults, foster children, and our *manåmko'* as they provide a means of identification to access various important services. Young adults need an ID card to prove their age and identity when applying for jobs and college and opening bank accounts. Foster children need ID cards to access healthcare services and enroll in school. Our *manåmko'* need ID cards to prove their identity when accessing Medicare and Social Security benefits. Removing barriers for



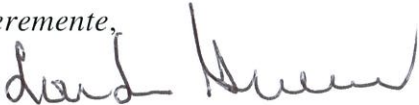
To: Therese M. Terlaje, Speaker
Fr: Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam
Date: May 8, 2024
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these individuals to obtain ID cards helps ensure they have access to these important programs and activities. Bill 244 will enable these groups to acquire ID cards at no cost, and help make their access to opportunities and services easier.

For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 244-37 (COR) into law as ***Public Law No. 37-94***.

Senseremente,



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

Maga'hågan Guåhan

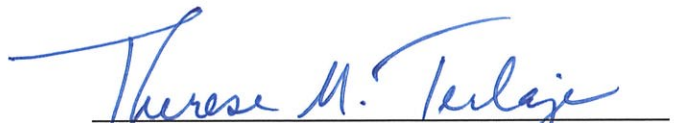
Governor of Guam

Enclosure: Bill No. 244-37 (COR), nka P.L. 37-94.
cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. 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

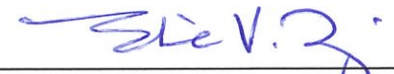
This is to certify that **Bill No. 244-37 (COR)**, “AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 57109 TO CHAPTER 57 OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING A GUAM IDENTIFICATION CARD AND GUAM REAL ID FEE WAIVER FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL, FOSTER CHILDREN OR CHILDREN UNDER THE CUSTODY OF CPS, A JUVENILE UPON ORDER BY THE COURT, AND RESIDENTS OF GUAM AGED SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OR OLDER,” was on the 26th day of April 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 26th day of April, 2024, at 4:28 o'clock P.M.

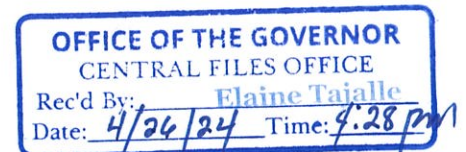

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APPROVED:


Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 5/8/2024

Public Law No. 37-94



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I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2024 (SECOND) REGULAR SESSION

Bill No. 244-37 (COR)

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

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 57109 TO CHAPTER 57 OF
TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
PROVIDING A GUAM IDENTIFICATION CARD AND
GUAM REAL ID FEE WAIVER FOR JUNIORS AND
SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL, FOSTER CHILDREN OR
CHILDREN UNDER THE CUSTODY OF CPS, A
JUVENILE UPON ORDER BY THE COURT, AND
RESIDENTS OF GUAM AGED SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS
OR OLDER.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that persons who lack a valid identification (ID) card can find themselves

1 marginalized and excluded from employment opportunities, essential services, and
2 assistance, to include access to health care, housing, and public benefits. In addition,
3 a valid identification card is also required to open a bank account, cash a check, pick
4 up a prescription, travel, and enter certain government buildings.

5 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that a good ID system includes strategies to
6 ensure access to identification for all, with particular attention to groups at high risk
7 of exclusion such as the elderly, veterans, the forcibly displaced, ethnic, and
8 linguistic minorities, people with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged
9 individuals.

10 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that minors entering adulthood,
11 especially those who fall into an at-risk group or do not have access to reliable
12 support systems and transportation, are also at a disadvantage to acquiring valid
13 identification that is necessary for employment, essential services and assistance,
14 and enrolling into higher education, or training programs.

15 It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to improve access to a
16 valid identification card for minors entering adulthood by requiring that all
17 applicable fees for a Guam Identification Card be waived for any Guam resident
18 who is seventeen (17) years of age, or who will be turning seventeen (17) years of
19 age in the next twelve (12) months, who does not already possess a valid driver's
20 license or United States passport.

21 **Section 2.** A new § 57109 is hereby *added* to Chapter 57 of Title 10, Guam
22 Code Annotated, to read as follows:

23 **“§ 57109. Guam Identification Card and Guam Real ID Fee Waiver for**
24 **Juniors and Seniors in High School, Foster Children or Children Under the**
25 **Custody of CPS, a Juvenile Upon Order by the Court, and Residents of Guam**
26 **Aged Sixty-five (65) Years or Older.**

1 (a) All applicable fees for a Guam Identification Card shall be
2 waived for any Guam resident who does not already possess a valid driver's
3 license or United States passport that does not expire on or before their
4 eighteenth (18th) birthday and is enrolled as a junior or senior in high school,
5 a foster child or a child under the custody of CPS, a juvenile required to obtain
6 an identification card upon order by the Superior Court of Guam, and residents
7 of Guam aged sixty-five (65) years or older, as defined in § 57108 of this
8 Chapter.

9 (b) GDOE and DRT shall work to implement a system convenient
10 to high school juniors and seniors and parents to minimize time away from
11 school and away from work to obtain an ID.

12 (c) Village Mayors shall expedite their responses to requests for
13 Verification of Residency as requested by GDOE, the Superior Court of
14 Guam, or the Department of Public Health and Social Services for those
15 covered under this Section and may send said responses via email directly to
16 the Department of Revenue and Taxation and to the Department of Public
17 Health and Social Services as requested.”

18 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
19 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not
20 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
21 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
22 severable.

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