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AN ACT TO AMEND §67105.1, §67106 AND §67109 OF CHAPTER 67 OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO GRANTING OF AUTHORITY TO THE VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR EXPENDITURES OF THE VETERANS CEMETERY TRUST FUND AND VETERANS AFFAIRS FUND.

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Section 1. § 67105.1 of Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code

Annotated, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 67105.1. Veterans Cemetery Trust Fund.

The Veterans Cemetery Trust Fund is transferred from the 5 Guam Parks Commission to the Guam Veterans Commission. Any 6 money paid by the Federal government to Guam in connection with 7 8 the use of the cemetery shall be deposited in the Veterans Cemetery Trust Fund and used for the maintenance of the cemetery. 9 Expenditures from the Fund shall be by direction of the Veterans 10 Affairs Officer. The Veterans Affairs Officer Guam Veterans 11 Commission, which shall, at the end of every quarter annually provide 12 an accounting to the Guam Veterans Commission and I Liheslaturan 13 Guåhan for the use of the Fund. 14

Section 2. § 67106 of Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated,

is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 67106. Solicitation, Acceptance, Utilization and Administration of Gifts, Bequests and Donations.

The Veterans Affairs Officer may solicit, accept, utilize and administer on behalf of the Office of Veterans Affairs, gifts, bequests and donations. The funds received shall be deposited into the Veterans Affairs Fund. Such gifts, bequests and donations shall be used for the maintenance of the Veterans Cemetery of Guam, the maintenance of the Veterans Affairs office, the sponsorship of Memorial Day and Veterans' Day events for veterans and purposes intended by the donor which are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Office of Veterans Affairs as stated in this Section. A quarterly report shall be submitted by the Veterans Affairs Officer to I Maga lahen Guåhan, the Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan, and the Public Auditor, describing the solicitation, acceptance, utilization and administration of gifts, bequests and donations, and posted on the Office's website.

Section 3. § 67109 of Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated,

§ 67109. Veterans Affairs Fund.

is hereby amended to read as follows:

There is hereby created, separate and apart from other funds of the government of Guam, a special fund known as the Veterans Affairs Fund (the "Fund"). The Fund shall not be commingled with the General Fund or any other funds of the government of Guam. The Veterans Affairs Officer Guam Veterans Commission shall approve all expenditures paid from the Fund. The Veterans Affairs Officer shall be the administrator of the Fund, and may issue warrants of expenditure pursuant to § 67106 of this Chapter and shall maintain a record of all donations and expenditures.