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**2017 (FIRST) Regular Session**

Bill No. 217-34 (COR)

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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* §67110, CHAPTER 67, TITLE  
10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO  
UPDATING THE GUAM VETERAN REGISTRY.**

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

**Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.**

*I Liheslatura Guåhan* finds that since the enactment of P.L. 32-101 in November 2013, the Office of Veterans Affairs has been responsible for the establishment and maintenance of a Guam Veteran Registry.

*I Liheslatura Guåhan* further finds that the established number of veterans on the registry directly influences the level of services and benefits afforded to Guam veterans by the U.S. Federal Government. P.L. 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 carrying out the enumeration of the registry.

In furtherance of the current efforts of the Office of Veterans Affairs and other agencies, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura Guåhan* to require all government agencies from which a DD214 is a required document in order to

1 qualify for benefits, to forward a copy of the applicants DD214 form to the  
2 Office of Veterans Affairs for purpose of updating the Guam Veteran Registry  
3 in accordance with 10 GCA 67110.

4 **Section 2.** §67110. Guam Veteran Registry of Chapter 67, Title 10,  
5 Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

6 §67110. Guam Veteran Registry.

7 “The Office of Veterans Affairs shall be responsible for the  
8 establishment and maintenance of a Guam Veteran Registry (Registry), which  
9 shall be updated no less than semiannually. The update of the Registry shall  
10 entail the addition of newly registered veterans residing on Guam, and the  
11 scrubbing of the list to ensure that the names of veterans who no longer reside  
12 on the island or who have passed away are deleted from the Registry. The  
13 Registry shall be utilized by the Office for the purpose of providing Guam  
14 veterans and their families with current information on veterans’ benefits and  
15 activities, through the use of its webpage or other means deemed necessary  
16 that would ensure the maximum dissemination of veteran-related information;  
17 and for the validation of Guam’s veteran population to further strengthen the  
18 Office’s ability to pursue financial resources and support in the provision of  
19 services programs for the benefit of Guam’s veterans and their families. The  
20 Office may use data collected at other government agencies which may be  
21 collecting the required data, in whole or in part. Nothing herein shall relieve  
22 the duty of any other entity to collect veterans’ data for the benefit of veterans  
23 on Guam.

24 All government of Guam entities, whenever applicable, shall render  
25 assistance to the Office of Veterans Affairs in carrying out the provisions  
26 contained herein. All government entities for whom a DD214 form is  
27 presented by an applicant as an identifying or as a qualifying document for

1 benefits or services shall forward a copy of the applicant's DD214 form to the  
2 Office of Veterans Affairs no later than five (5) days after the date of  
3 acceptance by that government entity. Transmission of forms may be made  
4 by electronic means as prescribed by the Office of Veterans Affairs. The  
5 Office of Veteran Affairs shall have the authority to adopt regulations to  
6 implement and administer the provisions of this Section.

7 The Administrator of the Office of Veterans Affairs shall submit a  
8 monthly progress report of the Guam Veteran Registry to the Speaker of I  
9 *Liheslaturan Guåhan.*"