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

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

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

6 *I Liheslatura Guåhan* finds that the established number of veterans on the
7 registry directly influences the level of services and benefits afforded to Guam
8 veterans by the U.S. Federal Government. P.L. 32-101 authorizes the Office of
9 Veterans Affairs to use data collected at other government agencies which may be

1 “collecting the data in whole or in part” and allows that all other government
2 agencies “whenever applicable, shall render assistance” to the Office of Veterans
3 Affairs in implementing its provisions.

4 In furtherance of the current efforts of the Office of Veterans Affairs and
5 other agencies, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura Guåhan* to authorize village mayors
6 to include the solicitation of veteran data in their annual census, offer the option of
7 listing veteran status on a constituents verification of residency form and conduct
8 semi-annual community outreach to the veteran population of his/her jurisdiction
9 for the purpose of updating the Guam Veterans Registry and connecting the
10 veteran population to available services.

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

13 **“§40112. Powers, Duties and Responsibilities.**

14 A Mayor shall perform the following duties and responsibilities
15 in his district:

16 (m) Conduct an annual census and maintain a current listing of
17 names of all residents in his jurisdiction. As part of the process of
18 conducting the annual census, verify veteran status of resident, if any,
19 and submit a separate annual report of the names and total number of
20 veterans residing in his/her jurisdiction to the Office of Veterans
21 Affairs for the purpose of updating the Guam Veteran Registry.”

22 **Section 3.** A new §40112(t) & §40112(u) are hereby *added* to Chapter 40,
23 Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

24 **“§40112. Powers, Duties and Responsibilities.**

25 A Mayor shall perform the following duties and responsibilities
26 in his district:

1 (t) Solicit veteran status (if any) of constituents applying for a
2 verification of residency and offer the option of listing veteran
3 status on the verification of residency form, upon presentation
4 of a DD214 form. Transmit a copy of the DD214 form and
5 Verification of Residency form to the Office of Veterans
6 Affairs no later than five (5) business days after the date of
7 residency verification for the purpose of updating the Guam
8 Veterans Registry and connecting veterans to available services.
9 Transmission of forms may be made by electronic means as
10 prescribed by the Office of Veterans Affairs. The Office of
11 Veteran Affairs shall have the authority to adopt regulations to
12 implement and administer the provisions of this Section.
13 (u) Conduct semi-annual community outreach within his/her
14 jurisdiction for the purpose of updating the Guam Veterans
15 Registry at the Office of Veterans Affairs and connecting
16 veterans and their families to available services.”