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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 7120.3 TO
CHAPTER 7, 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED
RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL GOLD
STAR LICENSE PLATES.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. **Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds
3 that Guam families have experienced and suffered the loss of sons and
4 daughters, who in service to our country gave their all. Their honor and
5 bravery are to be remembered and memorialized by family members who
6 never forget the sacrifice they paid for our freedom.

7 *I Liheslaturan Guahan* further finds that those who have given us the
8 ultimate sacrifice in the battlefield, left behind families who keep the memory
9 their courage alive, never forgetting their loss. To distinguish these families
10 and to symbolize their loss, the federal government in US Title 10, Section
11 1126 established the gold star lapel button which was typically used to
12 symbolize a mother's grief who lost a child to conflict. The program has now
13 expanded to include all family members and issuance of special gold star
14 license plates by local state governments to acknowledge these families.

15 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to join these among
16 those communities in the issuance of special gold star license plates to families
17 on Guam who have lost loved ones engaged in war operations.

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Section 2. A new section 7120.3, Chapter 7, 16 Guam Code Annotated is hereby added to read:

“Section 7120.3. Special Gold Star License Plates. The Motor Vehicle Division of the Department of Revenue and Taxation shall, upon application, issue special gold star license plates to families as defined in 10 U.S.C. Section 11276, for use only on passenger and pick up vehicles registered with the Department of Revenue and Taxation. The type and style of the gold star plates shall be determined by the Director of the Department of Revenue and Taxation and the Office of Veterans Affairs, except that a gold star shall appear on one side of the plate. Applicants shall apply on forms prescribed by the Director, and the applicant’s eligibility will be certified by the Office of Veteran’s Affairs. The plates shall be re-issued only to the original holder of the plates. The Director may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this sub-section. Except for new or renewed registration, applications for the issuance of gold star plates shall be processed in order received by the Department subject to normal workflow considerations. The fee for the issuance of gold star plates shall not exceed the fee charged for a similar license plate for the same class of vehicle.

Section 4. Severability. If any of the provisions of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.