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Bill No. 260-30(COR)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO *AMEND* SECTION 67107 OF CHAPTER  
67, OF TITLE 10 OF THE GUAM CODE  
ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ALLOWING  
GREATER PARTICIPATION OF VETERAN  
SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE GUAM  
VETERANS COMMISSION.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative findings and intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that  
3 the Guam Veterans Commission is the “voice” of the many veterans that reside on  
4 Guam. There are some Veteran Service Organizations that are not recognized by the  
5 U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs; however, these Veteran Service Organizations  
6 continue to provide support and resources to Guam’s veterans and provide and  
7 invaluable service. These Veteran Service Organizations deserve to be represented on  
8 the Guam Veterans Commission which is tasked to provide veterans and their families  
9 information regarding benefits and services to the Guam veteran population. By  
10 allowing all veteran Service Organizations to be represented on the Commission, more  
11 Guam veterans and their families will receive information about the services and  
12 benefits available to them.

13 **Section 2. Section 67107 of Chapter 67 of Title 10 of the Guam Code**  
14 **Annotated is hereby *amended* to read as follows:**

1           **“§67107. Guam Veterans Commission.** There is hereby established,  
2 in the Office of Veterans Affairs, a Guam Veterans Commission which *shall*  
3 consist of one (1) member each from the currently officially chartered Guam  
4 chapters of ~~the Recognized~~ Veteran Service Organizations, ~~recognized by the~~  
5 ~~U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.~~ The Commander or designee of each  
6 ~~Recognized~~ Veteran Service Organization shall be the representative. Every  
7 representative *shall* serve for the term of the Commander, but *not more than*  
8 two (2) years. *If* the Commander’s term exceeds two (2) years, the service  
9 organization *shall* appoint, by Chapter Executive Council vote, a successor to  
10 serve during the term of the incumbent Commander. Should a ~~Recognized~~  
11 Veteran Service Organization have more than one (1) Chapter, then the  
12 membership within the Commission *shall* be rotated among the Commanders of  
13 those Chapters, with the order of the rotation decided among those Chapters.  
14 Five (5) members *shall* constitute a quorum. The Commission *shall* meet  
15 quarterly and *shall* advise the Veterans Affairs Officer regarding matters  
16 affecting veterans and eligible claimants regarding Veterans Administration-  
17 related issues. The Commission *shall* provide veterans and their families with  
18 the opportunity to air grievances for the purpose of effecting corrective action  
19 or change to existing policies that affect delivery of benefits and services to the  
20 Guam veteran population. The members of the Commission are volunteers and  
21 *shall* not receive compensation.”