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**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §3117 TO CHAPTER 1 OF 16GCA
RELATIVE TO DRIVERS LICENSES ISSUED TO
INDIVIDUALS WITH HEARING AND SPEECH
DISABILITIES.**

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

2 **Section 1.** A new Section 3117 is *added* to Chapter 1 of 16GCA to read as
3 follows:

4 **§3117. Hearing/speech impaired, driver's license special notation, definitions.**

5 **(a)** As used in this section, the following terms mean:

6 (1) "Deaf person", any person who, because of hearing loss, is not able to
7 discriminate speech when spoken in a normal conversation tone regardless
8 of the use of amplification devices;

9 (2) "Hearing-impaired person", any person who, because of hearing loss,
10 has a diminished capacity to discriminate speech when spoken in a normal
11 conversational tone;

12 (3) "Speech-impaired person", any person who, because of hearing loss or
13 physical or emotional disability, has a diminished capacity to speak;

1 (4) HSD, a notation on a driver's license meaning "hearing or speech
2 disability" that indicates the person is a deaf, hearing-impaired or speech-
3 impaired person who uses alternative communication.

4 (b). Any resident of Guam who is a deaf, hearing-impaired or speech-impaired
5 person *may* apply to the Department of Revenue and Taxation to have the notation
6 "HSD" placed on the person's driver's license. The Department of Revenue and
7 Taxation shall establish the criteria for placement of the "HSD" notation, such as
8 requiring an applicant to submit certain medical proof of deafness, hearing or
9 speech impairment. This service shall be provided at no additional costs the
10 licensee.