

*I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
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Bill No. 360-30 (cov)

Introduced by:

T.C. Ada 

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**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION TO §7160 AND §7161 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16 GCA, AND TO §51506, CHAPTER 51, TITLE 10 GCA AND TO AMEND §7120.2(e) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16 GCA AS AMENDED BY P.L. 30-115, RELATIVE TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE PLATE FEES FOR VETERANS RATED AT A 100% DISABILITY OR INDIVIDUAL UNEMPLOYABILITY**

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

**Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that veterans have contributed significantly to protect our freedoms through their dedicated and unselfish military service to our island and country.

*I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that some veterans have endured physical, emotional and psychological injuries resulting in 100% Disability or Individual Unemployability (due to service related injuries).

*I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that in 2008 there were approximately 364 veterans from Guam who have been determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) to be either 100% Disabled (approximately 169 veterans) or Individually Unemployable (approximately 195 veterans). These rated Veterans represent less than 25% of the total Guamanian veterans receiving compensation for service connected compensation or individual unemployability.

*I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that in order to operate a vehicle on Guam roads, the vehicle must

1 be registered annually with the Department of Revenue and Taxation. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
2 further finds that the annual Motor Vehicle Registration Assessment (which consists of the  
3 Recycling fee, Street Light fund and the annual License and Registration fee), could range between  
4 \$81 to \$119.

5 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the intent of this bill is to extend a benefit to these rated  
6 veterans by waiving the annual assessment associated with the registration of a non-commercial  
7 passenger vehicle owned by the rated veteran. Furthermore, the waiver of the annual Motor Vehicle  
8 Registration assessment to this small segment of the community will have a negligible impact on the  
9 revenues of the Government of Guam.

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11 **Section 2. A new subsection (e) is hereby added to §7160, Chapter 7, Title 16, Guam**  
12 **Code Annotated**, to read as follows:

13 “(e) The annual license and registration fee in §7160 (a) shall be waived for any  
14 veteran determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) to be 100%  
15 Disabled or Individually Unemployable due to military service connected injuries. The fee  
16 shall be waived for one (1) non-commercial passenger vehicle, which includes all sedans,  
17 coupes, and station wagons manufactured primarily for the purpose of carrying passengers  
18 and including those passenger cars pulling other light trailers, registered to the veteran, or  
19 legal guardian applying for benefits under this section. A copy of the Decision Letter issued  
20 by the USDVA, which certifies the disability rating, must be furnished to the Department of  
21 Revenue and Taxation in order to waive the annual Motor Vehicle Registration Assessment.

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23 **Section 3. A new subsection (f) is hereby added to §7161, Chapter 7, Title 16, Guam**  
24 **Code Annotated**, to read as follows:

25 “(f) The Street Light Fund fee in §7161 shall be waived for any veteran determined  
26 by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) to be 100% Disabled or Individually  
27 Unemployable due to military service connected injuries. The fee shall be waived for one (1)  
28 non-commercial passenger vehicle, which includes all sedans, coupes, and station wagons  
29 manufactured primarily for the purpose of carrying passengers and including those passenger  
30 cars pulling other light trailers, registered to the veteran, or legal guardian applying for  
31 benefits under this section. A copy of the Decision Letter issued by the USDVA, which

1 certifies the disability rating, must be furnished to the Department of Revenue and Taxation  
2 in order to waive the annual Motor Vehicle Registration Assessment.

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4 **Section 4. A new subsection (d) is hereby *added* to §51506, Chapter 51, Article 5, Title**  
5 **10, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:**

6 “(d) The Recycling fee in §51506 (a) shall be waived for any veteran determined by  
7 the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) to be 100% Disabled or Individually  
8 Unemployable due to military service connected injuries. The fee shall be waived for one (1)  
9 non-commercial passenger vehicle, which includes all sedans, coupes, and station wagons  
10 manufactured primarily for the purpose of carrying passengers and including those passenger  
11 cars pulling other light trailers, registered to the veteran, or legal guardian applying for  
12 benefits under this section. A copy of the Decision Letter issued by the USDVA, which  
13 certifies the disability rating, must be furnished to the Department of Revenue and Taxation  
14 in order to waive the annual Motor Vehicle Registration Assessment.”

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16 **Section 5. Subsection 7120.2(e) of Chapter 7, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated as**  
17 **amended by P.L. 30-115 is hereby *amended* to read:**

18 “(e) Fee. The fee for the issuance of a veteran license plate shall not exceed the fee  
19 charged for a similar license plate for the same class of vehicle. ~~No fee shall be charged for~~  
20 ~~the issuance of a veteran license plate to a veteran rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans~~  
21 ~~Affairs at a 100% permanent and total disability. Veteran license plate must be for a non-~~  
22 ~~commercial vehicle registered to the veteran, or legal guardian applying for benefits under~~  
23 ~~this Act. A copy of the decision letter issued by the Regional Veterans Affairs Office which~~  
24 ~~indicates approved disability rating must be furnished to the Department of Revenue and~~  
25 ~~Taxation in order to waive the veteran license plate fees.”~~

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27 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This act shall be effective April 1, 2010.

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29 **Section 7. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or its application to any person or  
30 circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall *not* affect other

1 provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid  
2 provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.