

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
285-37 (LS) As amended by the Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations	Joe S. San Agustin Tina Rose Miñia Barnes Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas Roy A. B. Quinata	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 37-42, AS AMENDED, TO THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS RELATIVE TO INCREASING SERVICES AND OPERATIONS.	4/26/24 1:40 p.m.	4/29/24	Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations	Request: 4/29/24 5/7/24	5/8/24 2:00 p.m.	5/15/24 4:02 p.m.	As amended by the Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations
	SESSION DATE	TITLE	DATE PASSED	TRANSMITTED	DUE DATE	NOTES			
	5/28/24	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 37-42, AS AMENDED, TO THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS RELATIVE TO INCREASING SERVICES AND OPERATIONS.	5/31/24	5/31/24	6/12/24				



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I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
Thirty-Seventh Guam Legislature

May 31, 2024

The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan
Ufisinan I Maga'håga
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear *Maga'håga* Leon Guerrero:

Transmitted herewith are **Bill Nos. 109-37 (LS), 153-37 (LS), 183-37 (COR), 227-37 (COR), 240-37 (COR), 268-37 (COR), 274-37 (COR), 277-37 (LS), and 285-37 (LS)** which were passed by *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on May 31, 2024.

Sincerely,

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary

Enclosure (9)

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2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN*

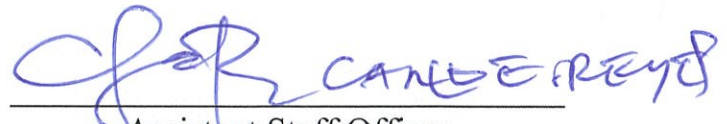
This is to certify that **Bill No. 285-37 (LS)**, “AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 37-42, AS AMENDED, TO THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS RELATIVE TO INCREASING SERVICES AND OPERATIONS,” was on the 31st day of May 2024, duly and regularly passed.


Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker

Attested:


Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 31ST day of MAY,
2024, at 5:22 o'clock P.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: _____

Public Law No. _____

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 285-37 (LS)

As amended by the Committee on General
Government Operations and Appropriations.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE MILLION DOLLARS
(\$1,000,000) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL FUND
REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE
ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW
37-42, AS AMENDED, TO THE GUAM OFFICE OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS RELATIVE TO INCREASING
SERVICES AND OPERATIONS.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs (GOVA) is an essential institution in
4 supporting the men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, and their

1 families. With an increasing demand for services and a growing veteran population,
2 it is evident that the GOVA requires adequate resources to fulfill its mission
3 effectively.

4 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the GOVA would ideally need to hire six (6)
5 veteran service representatives and six (6) veterans cemetery workers in order to
6 provide timely and comprehensive assistance to the veterans of our island.

7 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that for GOVA to maintain quality
8 personnel their pay rate must be competitive with veteran service representatives
9 beginning at Grade H-1, which is approximately \$32,355 annually; and veterans
10 cemetery workers to begin at Grade G-1, which is approximately \$30,169 annually.

11 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate One Million
12 Dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Guam Office of Veteran Affairs, specifically designated
13 for personnel and operational costs. This allocation will not only ensure the retention
14 and expansion of qualified staff but also cover essential operational expenses such
15 as office supplies and outreach efforts. Ultimately, this financial support is crucial
16 in enhancing the office's capacity to honor and serve Guam's veterans, recognizing
17 their invaluable contributions and sacrifices to our nation.

18 **Section 2. Appropriation.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
19 sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) is hereby appropriated from Fiscal Year
20 2024 General Fund revenues collected in excess of the adopted levels enumerated in
21 Public Law 37-42, as amended, to the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs for the
22 employment of six (6) veteran service representatives and six (6) veterans cemetery
23 workers. The balance of this appropriation may be utilized for operational expenses
24 only after each of the positions identified in this Section have been filled. This
25 appropriation shall be available until fully expended. The funds allocated and
26 authorized in this Section are not subject to *I Maga'hågan Guåhan's* transfer
27 authority.

1 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
2 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not
3 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
4 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
5 severable.

6 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.