

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
286-37 (LS) As substituted: and amended on the Floor.	Therese M. Terlaje Telo T. Taitague Chris Barnett Joanné M. Brown Joe S. San Agustin Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas Tina Rose Muña Barnes	AN ACT TO AMEND §6105 (B) OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 12 GCA RELATIVE TO PROVIDING FREE BUS PASSES VALID FOR 30 DAYS TO THOSE WHO LACK ACCESS TO RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION.	4/29/24 10:12 a.m.	4/30/24	Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance	Request: 4/30/24 5/10/24	7/16/24 2:00 p.m.	9/6/24 1:34 p.m.	
	SESSION DATE	TITLE	DATE PASSED	TRANSMITTED	DUE DATE	NOTES			
	9/23/24	AN ACT TO <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 6105(b)(3) OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING FREE BUS PASSES TO THOSE WHO LACK ACCESS TO RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION.	10/7/24	10/8/24	10/19/24				



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

October 8, 2024

The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan
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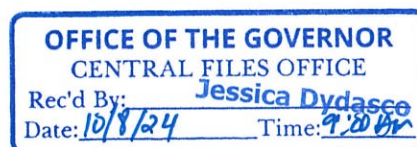
Dear *Maga'håga* Leon Guerrero:

Transmitted herewith are **Bill Nos. 174-37 (COR), 193-37 (LS), 247-37 (COR), 249-37 (COR), 293-37 (COR), 328-37 (COR), 338-37 (COR), and Substitute Bill Nos. 124-37 (COR), 286-37 (LS), 327-37 (COR), and 334-37 (COR)** which were passed by *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on October 7, 2024.

Sincerely,

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary

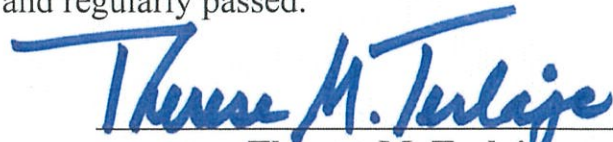
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I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Substitute Bill No. 286-37 (LS)**, "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 6105(b)(3) OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING FREE BUS PASSES TO THOSE WHO LACK ACCESS TO RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION," was on the 7th day of October 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 8th day of October, 2024, at 9:00 o'clock A.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: _____

Public Law No. _____

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Bill No. 286-37 (LS)

As substituted; and amended on the Floor.

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**AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 6105(b)(3) OF ARTICLE 1,
CHAPTER 6, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,
RELATIVE TO PROVIDING FREE BUS PASSES TO
THOSE WHO LACK ACCESS TO RELIABLE
TRANSPORTATION.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that transportation can be a barrier to accessing essential services or appearing before
4 appointments for economically-disadvantaged individuals who cannot afford to
5 purchase their own vehicles or afford the current costs of public transportation; and
6 the lack of access to reliable transportation results in limited access to crucial

1 services perpetuating cycles of poverty and hindering opportunities for economic
2 advancement.

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the lack of reliable transportation for
4 this population, especially those facing legal challenges including court orders and
5 probation, creates obstacles for them in meeting their obligations such as their ability
6 to attend court-mandated appointments, hearings, and other legal requirements.

7 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that a portion of the population that are in need
8 face challenges in accessing essential health services and public assistance programs
9 due to transportation barriers; and limited mobility exacerbates health disparities and
10 restricts access to vital resources that can improve overall well-being.

11 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* also finds that foster families, who play a pivotal role
12 in providing stability for children in need, may also encounter difficulties in
13 transporting foster children to essential appointments, schools, or other activities,
14 which fundamentally limits the overall development and well-being of the children
15 in their care.

16 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Guam Regional Transit Authority
17 (GRTA) is a government entity that aims to provide reliable and affordable public
18 transportation for the people of *Guåhan*. Current bus fare rates are One Dollar and
19 Fifty Cents (\$1.50) for a single ride pass, Four Dollars (\$4.00) for a one (1)-day pass,
20 Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for a one (1)-week pass, and Sixty-five Dollars (\$65.00)
21 for a one (1)-month pass. While the costs for these fares may appear affordable for
22 some, for others who are lacking the financial means, these costs are the determining
23 factor in whether they can access transportation for the day, week, or month.

24 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to address the identified
25 challenges of those experiencing financial hardships by mandating the Guam
26 Regional Transit Authority (GRTA) to provide free bus passes.

1 **Section 2.** A new Subsection (3) is hereby *added* to § 6105(b) of Article 1,
2 Chapter 6, Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

3 “(3) Provide a combination of one (1)-month and daily bus passes at no cost
4 to agencies on an as-needed basis which the agencies shall distribute to individuals
5 who do not have access to reliable transportation but require transport services to
6 avail for essential services or attend appointments.

7 (A) Bus passes shall be provided to Child Protective Services (CPS),
8 the Guam Department of Education (GDOE), the Guam Department of Public
9 Health and Social Services (DPHSS), the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal
10 Authority (GHURA), the Judiciary of Guam, or the Guam Behavioral Health
11 and Wellness Center (GBHWC) at the request of the agencies.

12 (B) Bus passes shall be requested at least five (5) business days in
13 advance to provide ample time for GRTA to prepare the requested bus passes.
14 However, GRTA shall establish an emergency inventory of bus passes to be
15 utilized by the agencies in the event an emergency need arises for a bus pass.

16 (C) A log of bus passes distributed and other pertinent information
17 shall be recorded by each agency and transmitted to GRTA on a monthly
18 basis.

19 (D) GRTA may distribute free bus passes directly to individuals for
20 the purposes of availing for public assistance, medical or behavioral
21 treatment, court or probation related needs, GHURA assistance, and GDOE
22 appointments. GRTA shall also maintain a log of bus passes distributed for
23 the aforementioned purposes.”

24 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.