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Introduced by:

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AS THE OFFICIAL LOCAL AGENCY FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING THE "GUAM VETERANS REGISTRY" WHICH SHALL BE UTILIZED FOR ENUMERATING THE POPULATION OF VETERANS ON GUAM, AND FOR THE USE OF SUCH INFORMATION FOR INCREASING OR ACQUIRING NECESSARY HEALTHCARE AND OTHER RELEVANT SERVICES TO BENEFIT VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES; THROUGH ADDING A NEW §67110 TO CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

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

2 **Section 1. Establishment of a Guam Veterans Registry.**

3 §67110 of Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, relative to the
4 Office of Veterans Affairs is hereby added to read as follows:

5 **“§67110. Guam Veterans Registry.**

6 The Office of Veterans Affairs (the “Office”) shall be responsible for
7 the establishment and maintenance of a Guam Veterans Registry (the “Registry”)
8 which shall be updated no less than semiannually. The update of the Registry shall
9 entail the addition of newly registered veterans residing on Guam, and the
10 scrubbing of the list to ensure that the names of veterans who no longer reside on
11 island or who have passed away are deleted from the Registry. The Registry shall
12 be utilized by the Office for the purposes of providing Guam veterans and their
13 families with current information on veteran benefits and activities, through the use

1 of its webpage or other means deemed necessary that would ensure the maximum
2 dissemination of veteran-related information; and for the validation of Guam's
3 veteran population to further strengthen the Office's ability to pursue financial
4 resources and support in the provision of services or programs for the benefit of
5 Guam's veterans and their families.

6 All government of Guam entities, whenever applicable, shall render
7 assistance to the Office of Veterans Affairs in carrying out the provisions
8 contained herein. ”

9 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

10 The provisions contained herein shall be effective upon enactment of
11 this Act.