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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §67102.2 TO CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO GRANTING THE GUAM VETERANS COMMISSION THE AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "I SENGSONG BETERANUN GUAHAN - GUAM VETERANS VILLAGE," WHICH SHALL SERVE AS A ONE-STOP VETERANS SERVICE CENTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*

believes in granting the Guam Veterans Commission the authority to implement a comprehensive master plan towards the establishment of "I Sengsong Beteranun Guahan (Guam Veterans Village)," which shall serve as a one-stop Veterans Service Center. The one-stop Veterans Service Center, through innovative federal government, local government, and private partnerships, shall use a collaborative approach to serve the entire veteran population on Guam by connecting veterans to federal, local, and/or private community resources and providing an individually tailored, community-based plan designed to meet the specific needs of veterans and their families.

1 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds a variety of services that will be
2 provided by existing, independent providers working together in a
3 coordinated, seamless way to provide programming to assist veterans and
4 their families with increasing their quality of life, achievement of identified
5 goals, realization of their full potential, and reintegration into the community.

6 **Section 2.** A new §67102.2, Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated,
7 is hereby *added* to read:

8 **“§67102.2. Establishment of “I Sengsong Beteranun Guahan**
9 **(Guam Veterans Village):”** (a) The Guam Veterans Commission
10 in consultation with the Office of Veterans Affairs and the Guam Housing
11 and Renewable Authority, *shall* effectuate a lease hold arrangement of fifty
12 (50) years with a one (1) time lease extension option of the proposed future
13 site at 172 Marine Corps Asan, Guam for the establishment of “*I Sengsong*
14 *Beteranun Guahån(Guam Veterans Village)*” facility; and *shall* be the primary
15 location of the Office of Veterans Affairs.

16 (b) The Guam Veterans Commission, in consultation with the
17 Office of Veterans Affairs and the Guam Housing and Renewable Authority,
18 is hereby authorized to implement a comprehensive master plan of such “*I*
19 *Sengsong Beteranun Guahan (Guam Veterans Village)*” or such part or parts
20 thereof as said Commission may deem advisable and from time to time may
21 extend, amend, or perfect such plan. Such plan *shall* be a statement, through
22 text, maps, illustrations or other forms of communication, that is designed to

1 provide a basis for decision making regarding the long-term physical
2 development of the “*I Sengsong Beteranun Guahan (Guam Veterans Village)*.”
3 The comprehensive plan shall be internally consistent in its policies, forecasts
4 and standards, and shall include the following elements:

5 (1) Goals and policies statement which identifies the
6 goals and policies of the “*I Sengsong Beteranun Guahan (Guam*
7 *Veterans Village)*” for its future growth and development. The
8 Guam Veterans Commission *shall* conduct an interactive public
9 hearing process, to determine community values, goals and to
10 identify patterns of development that will be consistent with these
11 goals.

12 (2) Land use plan element which identifies present
13 land use and designates the proposed distribution, location and
14 inter-relationship of public and private land uses. This element
15 *shall* relate the proposed standards of population density and
16 building intensity to the capacity of land available or planned
17 facilities and services. A land use plan map illustrating the land
18 use policies of the “*I Sengsong Beteranun Guahan (Guam Veterans*
19 *Village)*” *shall* be included.

20 (3) Economic development element which identifies
21 policies and strategies for the expansion and/or stabilization of the

1 local economic base and the creation of employment
2 opportunities.

3 (4) Natural and cultural resources element which
4 provides an inventory of the significant natural, cultural and
5 historic resource areas of the "*I Sengsong Beteranun Guahan (Guam*
6 *Veterans Village)*," and policies and strategies for the protection and
7 management of such areas.

8 (5) Open space and recreation element which provides
9 an inventory of recreational resources and open space areas of the
10 "*I Sengsong Beteranun Guahan (Guam Veterans Village)*," and policies
11 and strategies for the management and protection of such
12 resources and areas.

13 (6) Services and facilities element which identifies and
14 analyzes existing and forecasted needs for facilities and services
15 used by the public.

16 (7) Implementation program element which defines
17 and schedules the specific actions and timelines necessary to
18 achieve the objectives of each element of the master or study plan.

19 Scheduled expansion or replacement of public facilities and other
20 components and the anticipated costs and revenues associated with
21 accomplishment of such activities *shall* be detailed in this element. This
22 element *shall* specify the process by which the "*I Sengsong Beteranun Guahan*

1 (*Guam Veterans Village*)” regulatory structures shall be amended so as to be
2 consistent with the master plan. Such plan *shall* be made, and may be added
3 to or amended from time to time, by a majority vote of the Guam Veterans
4 Commission per §67017 of Chapter 10, Title 10 Guam Code Annotated; and
5 *shall* be public record. The Guam Veterans Commission *shall*, upon completion
6 of any plan or report, or any change or amendment to a plan or report
7 produced under this section, furnish a copy of such plan or report or
8 amendment thereto, to the *I Maga’lahen Guåhan, I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, the
9 Veterans Affairs Officer, the Mayor of Asan-Maina, the Executive Director of
10 Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority.

11 (c) The “*I Sengsong Beteranun Guahan (Guam Veterans Village)*,”
12 *shall* serve as a one-stop Veterans Service Center, and *shall* further service the
13 Guam Veterans Commission and all other veteran organizations for the
14 conduct of their meetings and activities.

15 (d) The one-stop Veterans Service Center, through innovative
16 federal government, local government, and private partnerships, shall use a
17 collaborative approach to serve the entire veteran population on Guam by
18 connecting veterans to federal, local, and/or private community resources and
19 providing an individually tailored, community-based plan designed to meet
20 the specific needs of veterans and their families.

21 (e) The Commission and the Office of Veterans Affairs *shall* be
22 responsible, upon its completion, for the maintenance, administration and

1 operation of the “*I Sengsong Beteranun Guahån (Guam Veterans Village)*” facility
2 is hereby authorized, in conjunction with the Veterans Affairs Officer, to
3 pursue federal, local or private funds for the purposes of addressing the
4 provision contained herein.

5 (f) Any and all funds generated through the application of this
6 provision *shall* be deposited into the Veterans Affairs Fund, per title 10 G.C.A.
7 §67109 and *shall* be reported on a quarterly basis to *I Maga’lahen Guåhan* and *I*
8 *Lihselaturan Guåhan*, on or before the 30th day of the month following the end
9 of each quarter. Pursuit of external funding sources, wherever applicable,
10 *shall* be conducted in accordance with established laws and regulations.

11 (g) The Guam Veterans Commission *shall* be entitled to call to its
12 assistance and avail itself of the services of *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*, *I Lihselaturan*
13 *Guåhan*, the Veterans Affairs Officer, the Mayor of Asan-Maina, the Executive
14 Director of Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority, and any agency
15 thereof, as may be required and as may be available for that purpose, and to
16 employ any other services as may be deemed necessary, in order to perform
17 the duties provided herein, and within the limits of funds appropriated or
18 otherwise made available for that purpose.”

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

21 **Section 4. Severability.** If any of the provisions of this Act or the
22 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such

1 invalidity shall *not* affect any other provision or application of this Act which
2 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this
3 end the provisions of this Act are severable.