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BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
5-38 (COR)	Joe S. San Agustin	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 7120.2(d)(1) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO VETERAN LICENSE PLATE DESIGNS AND RECOGNITIONS.	1/13/25 8:00 a.m.	1/17/25	Committee on Finance and Government Operations.	Request: 1/17/25	6/12/25 2:00 p.m.	7/15/25 As Amended.	Exhibits A and B
				4/1/25	Re-Referred: Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs.	2/13/25			



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SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 38th Guam Legislature
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

June 26, 2025

The Honorable Frank Blas Jr., Speaker
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
163 Hagåtña, Guåhan
Chalan Santo Papa

VIA: **The Honorable V. Anthony Ada, Vice Speaker** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: **Committee Report on Public Hearing – Bill No. 5-38 (COR)** As amended - Joe S. San Agustin - AN ACT TO AMEND § 7120.2(d), CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO VETERANS LICENSE PLATES DESIGNS AND RECOGNITIONS.

Håfa Adai Speaker Blas,
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Committee votes are as follows:

5 TO DO PASS

____ TO NOT PASS

4 TO REPORT OUT ONLY

____ TO ABSTAIN

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Sincerely,



Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane

Chairwoman, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs



COMMITTEE ON RULES

RECEIVED:

June 26, 2025 12:14 p.m.
Marie Crisostomo
Revisions Received:
July 8, 2025 4:50 p.m.



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COMMITTEE REPORT

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To: **ALL MEMBERS**
Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

From: **Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane**
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Subject: Committee Report on **Bill No. 5-38 (COR)** As amended - Joe S. San Agustin - AN ACT TO AMEND § 7120.2(d), CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO VETERANS LICENSE PLATES DESIGNS AND RECOGNITIONS.

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- Fiscal Note

Please take appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane.

Sincerely,

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COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson

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38th Guam Legislature

January 17, 2025

To: **Rennae V. C. Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Darleen Hiton
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Senator Christopher M. Dueñas** 
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: **Referral of Bill No. 5-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai,

As per my authority as Acting Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and subject to §6.01(d)(1), Rule VI of our Standing Rules, I am forwarding the referral of **Bill No. 5-38 (COR)** – Joe S. San Agustin. – “AN ACT TO AMEND § 7120.2(d), CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO VETERANS LICENSE PLATES DESIGNS AND RECOGNITIONS.”

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Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kamarin Nelson, Committee on Rules Director at 671-472-2461.



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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38th Guam Legislature

April 1, 2025

To: **Rennae V. C. Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Darleen Hiton
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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2 messages

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane <office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov> Thu, Jun 5, 2025 at 9:28 AM
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Hafa Adai,

Posted on calendar.

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June 5, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From: Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane *Smat*
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

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Second Notice of Public Hearing: Thursday June 12, 2025, 2:00 P.M.

1 message

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Tue, Jun 10, 2025 at 9:30 AM

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Chairperson, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

June 10, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From: Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane *Smat*
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

Subject: Second Notice of Public Hearing: Thursday June 12, 2025, 2:00 P.M.

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I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 38th Guam Legislature
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

Subject: Invitation to Public Hearing on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 2:00 P.M

Håfa Adai,

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs has scheduled a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 12, 2025, beginning at 2:00 P.M., in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building. Your attendance is requested to provide insights on the following agenda items:

- I. **Bill No. 5-38 (COR)** Joe S. San Agustin - AN ACT TO AMEND § 7120.2(d), CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO VETERANS LICENSE PLATES DESIGNS AND RECOGNITIONS.
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The Committee requests that all written testimony and presentations be submitted forty-eight (48) hours prior to the hearing. Additionally, you are welcome to invite other officials who may be able to contribute to the discussion.

If your office requires any assistance or accommodation that can be provided by my office or the 38th Guam Legislature, please contact my office via email or voice call.

Should you have any questions or concerns, you may contact my office at 671-989-2572 or email office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov.



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June 11, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From: Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane *Smat*
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

Subject: Amended Invitation to Public Hearing: Thursday June 12, 2025, 2:00 P.M.

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The Committee will hear and accept testimony on the following:

2:00 P.M.

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How to Participate: Written testimony may be delivered to the Office of Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane at the Guam Congress Building, 163 *Chalan Santo Papa Hagåtña*, Guam 96910 or via email to Office.SenatorBri@guamlegislature.gov. The Committee requests that testimonies be submitted at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the scheduled hearing.



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Please confirm your attendance by contacting the Office of Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane via email at Office.SenatorBri@guamlegislature.gov or via voice call at (671) 989-2572.

Special Accommodations: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals requiring assistance or accommodations should contact Genese Morrison, at the Office of Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane.

Watch Live/Record: The hearing will be broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117, and streamed online via *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* live feed on YouTube. After the hearing, a hearing recording will also be available online via Guam Legislature Media on YouTube.



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Jesus H. Aguon	VVA		☐ 5-38 (COR) ☐ 92-38 (COR)	☐ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☐ In Support ☐ Not In Support
Louder Banha	VVA		☐ 5-38 (COR) ☐ 92-38 (COR)	☐ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☐ In Support ☐ Not In Support
Lee T. Borge	AVVA		☐ 5-38 (COR) ☐ 92-38 (COR)	☒ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☐ In Support ☐ Not In Support
Frank Martinez	VVA	1 7	☐ 5-38 (COR) ☐ 92-38 (COR)	☐ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☐ In Support ☐ Not In Support
Joe MATANANE	G.O. VALIASON	1 1	☒ 5-38 (COR) ☒ 92-38 (COR)	☒ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☒ In Support ☐ Not In Support
STAN Y. KO	KAVU	1 1	☐ 5-38 (COR) ☐ 92-38 (COR)	☐ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☐ In Support ☐ Not In Support
Nick Francisco	VVA		☐ 5-38 (COR) ☐ 92-38 (COR)	☐ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☐ In Support ☐ Not In Support
Joe San Agustin	GVVA		☒ 5-38 (COR) ☐ 92-38 (COR)	☐ Observing ☐ Written ☒ Verbal	☒ In Support ☐ Not In Support



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Daniel L. Coar	VVA		☐ 5-38 (COR) ☐ 92-38 (COR)	☐ Observing ☒ Written ☒ Verbal	☐ In Support ☐ Not In Support
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Bill No. 5-38 (COR) As amended- Joe S. San Agustin - AN ACT TO AMEND § 7120.2(d) CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO VETERANS LICENSE PLATES DESIGNS AND RECOGNITIONS.

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Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr. Member	E-Vote 7/8/25	X				
Senator Jesse A. Lujan Member	E-Vote 7/8/25			X		
Senator Shelly V. Calvo Member	E-Vote 7/8/25	X				
Senator Christopher M. Duenas Member	E-Vote 7/8/25			X		
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Member	E-Vote 7/8/25			X		
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Request for e-vote: Committee Report relative to Bill No. 5-38 (COR)

10 messages

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane <office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov>

Tue, Jun 24, 2025 at 3:45 PM

To: "Speaker Frank Blas Jr." <speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov>, Vice Speaker Tony Ada <vicespeakertonyada@guamlegislature.gov>, Senator Chris Duenas <senator.duenas@guamlegislature.gov>, Senator Jesse Lujan <senator.lujan@guamlegislature.gov>, Senator Shawn Gumataotao <office.senatorshawn@guamlegislature.gov>, Senator Tina Muna Barnes <senator.munabarnes@guamlegislature.gov>, Senator Vince Borja <vince.borja@guamlegislature.gov>, Office of Senator Shelly Calvo <officeofsenatorshellycalvo@guamlegislature.gov>
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Hafa Adai Committee Members:

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Best Regards,



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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW:

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs conducted a Public Hearing on Thursday June 12, 2025, scheduled to begin at 2:00 P.M., in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building.

Among other items, on the agenda for discussion was **Bill No. 5-38 (COR)** Joe S. San Agustin - AN ACT TO AMEND § 7120.2(d), CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO VETERANS LICENSE PLATES DESIGNS AND RECOGNITIONS. The history of the Bill is as follows:

- Introduction on January 13, 2025, at 8:00 A.M.

Public Notice Requirements

In accordance with Open Government Law, the public notice for this public hearing was disseminated via email to all senators and main media broadcasting outlets on June 5, 2025, and June 10, 2025. This public notice was also posted on the Guam Legislature website and the Public Notice Portal.

Senators Present

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs
Senator Shawn Gumataotao
Senator Telo T. Taitague
Senator Therese M. Terlaje
Senator Chris Barnett

Appearing before the Committee:

Roy Gamboa – President, Got your 671
Jose San Agustin – Director, GOVA
Nick Francisco – Vietnam Veterans Association
Daniel Cogar - Vietnam Veterans Association

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION:

This Public Hearing was called to order at 2:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE JUNE 12, 2025 2PM

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS CHAIRPERSON

BUENAS, YAN Hafa Adai. THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH VETERAN'S AFFAIRS IS NOW IN SESSION. THE TIME IS 2:00 IN THE AFTERNOON AND TODAY IS THURSDAY JUNE 12TH, 2025. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HAS JOINED US THIS AFTERNOON. WHETHER YOU'RE HERE IN PERSON OR WATCHING ONLINE WE APPRECIATE YOUR TIME YOUR INTEREST IN THE ISSUES THAT MATTER TO OUR VETERANS OUR ISLAND COMMUNITY. THIS AFTERNOON WE'RE HERE TO HEAR TESTIMONY ON TWO BILLS. FIRST, WE'LL TAKE COMMENTS ON BILL FIVE INTRODUCED BY SENATOR JOSE SAN AGUSTIN. THIS BILL WOULD UPDATE THE LAW ON VETERANS' LICENSE PLATES TO ALLOW FOR MORE DESIGNS AND RECOGNITIONS THAT

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REFLECT THE PRIDE SERVICE OF OUR ISLAND VETERANS. AFTER THAT WE WILL HEAR TESTIMONY ON BILL 92 WHICH I INTRODUCED. THIS BILL WOULD OFFICIALLY DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS VETERANS SERVICE RECOGNITION MONTH HERE ON GUAM. IT WOULD HELP US ORGANIZE MORE PROGRAMS, AND EVENTS TO HONOR SUPPORT OUR VETERANS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE MONTH NOT JUST ON VETERANS DAY. THE NOTICE OF TODAY'S HEARING WAS SENT OUT TO ALL SENATORS, STAKEHOLDERS, AND THE MEDIA ON JUNE 5TH AND THEN AGAIN ON JUNE 10TH, 2025, IN LINE WITH THE OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW. IT WAS ALSO POSTED ON THE GUAM LEGISLATURE WEBSITE AND THE GUAM PUBLIC NOTICE PORTAL. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR BEING HERE FOR HELPING SHAPE THESE IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS. ALL MATERIALS RELATED TO TODAY'S PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEEN UPLOADED TO THE COMMITTEE DRIVE ARE AVAILABLE IN HARD COPY UPON REQUEST. A FULL RECORDING OF THIS HEARING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE GUAM LEGISLATURE MEDIA YOUTUBE CHANNEL. AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHO ARE PRESENT TODAY SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO AS WELL AS MY OTHER COLLEAGUES SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE AND SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT. THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUE'S STAKEHOLDER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR BEING HERE TODAY. YOUR INVOLVEMENT REALLY MATTERS IT HELPS US CREATE BETTER LAWS THAT SERVE OUR ISLAND OUR PEOPLE AS WE GO THROUGH TODAY'S AGENDA I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT EACH SENATOR WILL HAVE FIVE MINUTES TO ASK QUESTIONS OR SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS THE SENATOR WHO INTRODUCED EACH BILL WILL HAVE 10 MINUTES TO EXPLAIN THEIR LEGISLATION THESE TIME LIMITS ARE IN PLACE TO KEEP THINGS MOVING MAKE SURE EVERYONE GETS A CHANCE TO SPEAK BEFORE WE GET TO THE FIRST BILL ON TODAY'S AGENDA I WANT TO DIRECTLY ADDRESS BILL 85 THE VETERANS EMPOWERMENT ACT. IT WAS ORIGINALLY SAID FOR TODAY'S HEARING, BUT I MADE THE DECISION TO POSTPONE IT, SO LET ME EXPLAIN WHY. ON TUESDAY I WAS INVITED NOT THE ONE WHO CALLED FOR IT TO A MEETING WITH SEVERAL VETERAN ORGANIZATION LEADERS. I SHOWED UP KNOWING FULL WELL THE DISCUSSION WASN'T GOING TO BE EASY, AND I'LL BE HONEST I GOT MY BUTT KICKED. THEY CAME READY, THEY WERE BLUNT. DIRECT, AND DIDN'T SUGARCOAT A THING. I TRULY RESPECT THAT, I RESPECT THEM. IT WASN'T A FEEL-GOOD CONVERSATION. IT FELT MORE LIKE SITTING ACROSS FROM MY OWN FATHER A VIETNAM VETERAN BEING TOLD POINT BLANK WHAT I GOT WRONG, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY WHAT NEEDED TO BE FIXED, AND I LISTENED BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT REAL LEADERSHIP REQUIRES LET ME ALSO SAY THIS TO THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSTPONEMENT I'M NOT HERE TO PLAY POLITICS I'M HERE TO DO THE WORK THAT MEANS TAKING THE HEAT WHEN NECESSARY LISTENING WHEN IT MATTERS, AND MAKING CHANGES WHEN THEY'RE NEEDED. MY FATHER DID NOT RAISE A PUNK, I'M NOT ABOUT TO FOLD UNDER PRESSURE OR PRIDE. THE VETERANS I MET WITH MADE IT CLEAR THIS BILL NEEDS TO BE STRONGER CLEARER AND TRULY EMPOWERING THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO TOGETHER. I'M COMMITTED TO DELIVERING A VERSION OF BILL 85 THAT REFLECTS THE VOICES OF THOSE WHO'VE SERVED SACRIFICED FOR OUR ISLAND. SO YES, I POSTPONED THE HEARING BECAUSE I'M NOT INTERESTED IN RUSHING THE BILL. WE'LL TAKE THE TIME TO GET IT RIGHT WHEN IT COMES BACK, IT'LL BE BETTER. IT'LL BE STRONGER IT'LL HAVE THE BACKING OF THE VETERANS IT'S MEANT TO SERVE. NOW TURNING TO THE BILLS THAT WE WILL BE DISCUSSING TODAY, IF YOU SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON BILL FIVE, PLEASE COME FORWARD TO THE TABLE. SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN WHO INTRODUCED THE

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BILL WASN'T ABLE TO JOIN US TODAY, BUT HE DID SEND OVER HIS OPENING COMMENTS I'LL GO AHEAD READ THOSE INTO THE RECORD ON HIS BEHALF.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS CHAIRPERSON

FOR SENATOR JOE S SAN AGUSTIN -Hafa Adai Madam Chair, my colleagues to all who are present today I extend my apologies for my absence as I'm currently off island. Thank you, Madam Chair, for conducting this hearing today. This legislation is an act that further honors recognizes our heroes contributions through a simple yet profound gesture, their license plates whether in the Korean War, Vietnam Desert Storm Operation Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom or in any of our nation's conflicts our veterans have served with distinction courage commitment with this bill we will be honored significantly displayed by adding design options such as service zones, valor awards, and branch specific identification to Guam's veteran license plates. In doing so we support our veterans' desire to display their pride on their cars just as it is shown when they dawn their military uniforms. To our veterans this may be a minor change in a simple piece of metal, but it intends to greater acknowledge your identity the history of the selfless service you bestowed upon our island nation. We want to recognize your contributions not just at ceremonies or speech but in our daily lives on every path you travel. We see the pride each service member carries. We hear the stories of the battles won sacrifices made. We see the wounds they carry often times don't see the wounds that are unseen. This bill is another opportunity to honor and serve those who served with courage and bravery with such license plate enhancements by adding conflict zones, branch specific codes, and space for earned medals. We would be celebrating veterans with more than just a license plate. We would be handing them a symbol of recognition belonging to the pride. This is more than just a license plate enhancement. It is a visual expression of our island's thanks. I humbly ask for your support of my colleagues to pass this legislation. Thank you, Madam, Chair and si yuos ma'ase to everyone for attending watching

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS CHAIRPERSON

Again, that was a statement from the author of Bill Five, Senator Jose Augustine who is currently off island. We'll now move on to public testimony on Bill Five. When it is your turn to speak, please talk clearly and closely into the microphone. Say your name and let us know if you are here on your own or representing a government agency or speaking on behalf of a business or an organization, and we will start to my right

ROY GAMBOA Okay, good afternoon, Senators. Thank you very much, my name is Roy Gamboa. I am the president for GOT YOUR 671 a nonprofit organization that works with our veterans here. In reviewing the bill of course it's very simple straight to the point. I had just a couple of questions maybe some recommendations moving forward with not only the , I understand exactly why the senator wanted to put this bill out there with the for the purpose of course recognizing our veterans also giving them giving them the

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OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW ADDITIONAL PRIDE ADDITIONAL PRIDE IN THE BRANCH OF SERVICE ADDITIONAL PRIDE IN THE MEDALS AND THE COMMENDATIONS THAT THEY'VE EARNED WHILE THEY WERE IN THE SERVICE IF I MAY ONLY BECAUSE I'M NOT TOTALLY AWARE. WHAT IS THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE ON THE EXISTING LICENSE PLATES? THE ALUMINUM ONES THAT ARE CURRENTLY MADE RIGHT NOW. WHO MAKES THEM? HOW MANY ARE PRODUCED EVERY SINGLE YEAR? IF POTENTIALLY MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS DESIGN PERHAPS IT'S A GOOD TIME TO MAKE A REDESIGN TOTAL, MAY I PROPOSE PER GOING TO A COMPLETELY FLAT PLASTIC VERSION, ONLY BECAUSE I BELIEVE AT SOME POINT IT'S GOING TO REDUCE THE COST. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE STAMPING PROCESS WITH THE PLASTIC THERE. YOU CAN PRINT A FULL-ON IMAGE I'VE SEEN, MANY STATES WHERE THEY HAVE BACKGROUND IMAGES OF COURSE IN ACCORDANCE WHERE WITH GPD NOT IMPEDING THE READABILITY SO TO SPEAK THAT'S AN ADDITIONAL WAY OF COURSE TO ADD GRAPHICS SO ON SO FORTH TO THE PLATE ITSELF. THOSE WERE JUST SOME OF THE ISSUES OR WELL NOT ISSUES BUT JUST MORE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I WANTED TO BRING UP IS I MEAN I LOOK AT THE DESIGN AND STRAIGHT FORWARD YOU KNOW MY 8-YEAR-OLD 11-YEAR-OLD SON CAN PROBABLY PUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS TOGETHER WHILE THAT'S FINE I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF PRIDE THERE'S A LOT OF FLARE THAT OUR VETERANS WANT TO BE ABLE TO PUT OUT THERE SO IF I COULD PERHAPS IMPORE THE DESIGNERS MAYBE EVEN PUT IT OUT TO THE PUBLIC PUT UP SOME DESIGNS FOR PEOPLE TO REVIEW. OTHERWISE, I'M IN SUPPORT OF CREATING THIS NEW LICENSE PLATE FOR OUR VETERANS TO JUST TAKE AN EXTRA BIT OF PRIDE IN SHOWING IT OFF PER SE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS CHAIRPERSON
THANK YOU MR. GAMBOA, MR. SAN AGUSTIN.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN MADAME CHAIR IF I COULD GO AHEAD, YOU LET MR. FRANCISCO GO.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS CHAIRPERSON
MR. FRANCISCO.

NICK FRANCISCO THANK YOU MADAME CHAIRMAN SABRINA MATANANE, SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, THERESE TERLAJE, CHRIS BARNETT, AND TELO TAITAGUE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS. IT'S BEEN QUITE SOMETIMES BACK WHEN I APPROACHED SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN TO INTRODUCE AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL VETERAN LICENSE PLATE WHICH WHEN WE FIRST STARTED THAT IS THE BRONZE STAR SUPERSTAR PURPLE HEART DISTINGUISHED CROSS. SO STARTING WITH SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN TO AMEND THAT VETERAN LICENSE PLATE TO INCLUDE THE VIETNAM WAR SO WHAT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN DID HE JUST DIDN'T INTRODUCE THE VIETNAM WAR BUT HE INCLUDE ALL THE OTHER WAR WHICH THAT'S FINE WITH ME, BUT MY MAIN CONCERN IS THE VIETNAM WAR BECAUSE I SERVE IN VIETNAM I AM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE VIETNAM VETERAN OF AMERICA CHAPTER 668 AND I SEE THAT IN THE STATES THE DIFFERENT STATE A LOT OF VETERAN DRIVING AROUND WITH THE VIETNAM VETERAN LICENSE PLATE. SO, WE ALREADY PUT IN OUR DESIGN TO MR. SAN AGUSTIN HERE, WE ALREADY DESIGNED THE VIETNAM LICENSE PLATE THE WAY WE WON THE OTHER WAR I KNOW HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THEY HAVE AN ORGANIZATION LIKE US. SO I THANK SAN AGUSTIN FOR

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INTRODUCING THIS AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL VIETNAM VETERAN LICENSE SPECIAL PLATE AND WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING THIS FOR QUITE SOME TIME ON OUR AGENDA WHEN IS THIS GOING TO HAPPEN I HOPE IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN THIS YEAR BECAUSE I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE VIETNAM VETERAN DRIVING AROUND WITH THE LOGO BECAUSE RIGHT NOW MAJORITY OF THEM HAVE EITHER ARMY, MARINES, AIR FORCE, NAVY IN THE VEHICLE BUT I THINK THEY'LL BE MORE PROUD TO DRIVE AROUND WITH THE VIETNAM LOGO. SO, I'M HERE TO TESTIFY 100% IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND I HOPE THAT THE BODY HERE WILL EXPEDITE THIS BECAUSE EVERY YEAR WE'RE LOSING MORE VIETNAM VETERAN, I KNOW THAT OUR NUMBER IS NOT INCREASING IT'S DECREASING THIS THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS TO PROVIDE THEM THE LICENSE PLATE SO THEY CAN DRIVE AROUND PROUDLY WITH THAT LICENSE PLATE. THANK YOU.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS CHAIRPERSON

THANK YOU MR. FRANCISCO. WE WILL CERTAINLY WORK ON THE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THIS BILL AND TRY TO GET IT ON TO THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION. SO, THANK YOU. NEXT.

DANIEL COGAR THERE WE GO, I KNEW THOSE BUTTONS WAS FOR SOMETHING, HERE LADIES GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATURE THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE HONORS TO COME IN TESTIFY ON THIS BILL TODAY I'M A VERY PROUD MEMBER OF THE VVA CHAPTER 668 AND ALSO A THREE-TIME VETERAN ALSO SERVED IN IRAQ YOU KNOW WHEN IT COMES TO THIS BILL I UNDERSTAND THAT WE COULD PROBABLY GO ON FOREVER AS FAR AS WELL LET'S CHECK WITH THIS OR LET'S CHECK WITH THAT BUT I'VE BEEN A MEMBER GOING ON THREE YEARS NOW WITH THE VVA THEY'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS ISSUE DELINQUENTLY FOR THE LAST THREE PLUS YEARS. I ALSO YOU KNOW IT'S NO HIDDEN SECRET WITH THE INCREASE IN THE AGE LIMIT ON THE VIETNAM VETERANS THAT THE NUMBERS ARE SHRINKING, WHEN I GO THROUGH HAWAII I GO TO CALIFORNIA ALL THESE OTHER PLACES I SEE ALL THESE FOLKS WITH ALL THESE PLATES ON THERE YOU KNOW THEY WENT OUT DID THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE WITHOUT ANY THANK YOUS BY THE WAY THAT WAS THE ONLY WAR THAT THAT PEOPLE COULD NOT COME BACK HEROES AND THERE'S WITH THERE'S NOT THAT MANY LEFT AND I THINK THAT I TRULY BELIEVE THAT IT'S NOT IF IT'S WHEN THAT THIS WILL BE APPROVED I THINK THE TIME FOR THE WHEN IS RIGHT NOW. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT THIS BILL GETS APPROVED THEN IF THEY WANT TO DO OTHER THINGS AS THE OTHER VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS GET ORGANIZED IF THEY WANT TO DO OTHER THINGS TO AMEND IT LATER ON THAT'S THE PROCESS, WE HAVE A PROCESS FOR THAT. BUT I THINK WE'RE THE TERRITORY OF GUAM IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE VERY LAST THAT HAS NOT HAD SOMETHING LIKE THIS APPROVED. IT'S LONG OVERDUE GUAM HAS I'VE BEEN HERE SINCE 1978 AND I'VE SEEN GUAM TAKE THE LEAD ON SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS EVEN THROUGH THE WHOLE COVID ENDEAVOR, BUT ON THIS ONE WE HAVE NOT TAKEN THE LEAD WE'RE BEHIND THE CURB I THINK IN RESPECT TO ALL OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS AND THE VERY FEW KOREAN VETERANS IF WE HAVE ANY OF THOSE LEFT BUT I HIGHLY RECOMMEND ASK YOU PLEASE TO SUPPORT THIS LONG OVERDUE BILL. THANK YOU.

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SIR, IF YOU COULD PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

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DANIEL COGAR YEAH, MY NAME DANIEL COGAR.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS CHAIRPERSON
THANK YOU.

DANIEL COGAR SORRY ABOUT THAT.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS CHAIRPERSON
IT'S FINE, MR. SAN AGUSTIN.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN MADAME CHAIR, GOOD AFTERNOON, AND HONORABLE SENATORS, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOSE SAN AGUSTIN DIRECTOR FOR THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. I WANT TO FIRST THANK THE AUTHOR OF THIS BILL MR. JOSE SAN AGUSTIN, SENATOR JOE FOR MOVING THIS BILL, CREATING THIS BILL AND ALSO THE FOLKS THAT ARE BEHIND THIS BILL. AS A VETERAN MYSELF, A DESERT SHIELD DESERT STORM VETERAN, I'M 100% IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL. I ACKNOWLEDGE THE COMMENTS THAT WAS MADE BY MR. GAMBOA AND THE CONCERNS THE GOOD VISION THAT THEY WANT TO SUPPORT WITH REGARDS TO THIS BILL I ACKNOWLEDGE THE TWO GENTLEMEN TO MY RIGHT WITH REGARDS TO THE NECESSITY TO ENSURE THAT THIS BILL BECOMES A REALITY DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE DIMINISHING AGING POPULATION OF OUR KOREAN VETERANS OUR VIETNAM VETERANS ARE IN FACT TAKING PLACE. BUT IN SAYING THAT THE PANEL YOU SEE HERE ARE SOMEWHAT GOING TO BE THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO EXPEDITE IN PUTTING THIS DESIGN TOGETHER ADDITION TO IT WILL BE YOUNGER GENERATION VETERANS THAT WERE INVOLVED IN DESERT SHIELD DESERT STORM IRAQI FREEDOM DURING FREEDOM WE WILL DO THE LATE WORK BUT WE WILL GET THE INPUT FROM MANY OF THESE VETERANS THAT WERE INVOLVED IN THAT ERA AS WELL SO WE'LL BALANCE IT BUT IN THE MEANTIME I WILL FOCUS IN EXPEDITING THE DESIGN FOR THE VIETNAM VETERAN WHICH IS ALREADY DONE WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT THE KOREAN VETERAN LOGO DESIGN. WE'LL MOVE FROM THERE THEN WE'LL START BUILDING ON THE OTHER WAR ERAS IF YOU MAY. I WILL FOCUS IN MOVING THOSE TWO PARTICULAR PIECES. FIRST THE VIETNAM THE KOREAN VETERAN FOLLOWED BY THE OTHER WAR ERAS AND MR. GAMBOA IS ONE OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION I'M ONE OF THE MIDDLE-AGED GENERATION I JUST LOOK OLD BUT I THINK WE COULD EXPEDITE THIS BALANCE IT I WILL JUST TO LET YOU KNOW PROBABLY BE JOINING THE REVENUE TAX IN INPUTTING THEIR PART PIECE OF THIS BECAUSE THERE IS A PROBABLY A FUNDING ISSUE OR ADJUST THE AMOUNT OF PLATES THAT ARE BEING SIMULTANEOUSLY INTRODUCED AND PRODUCED IT MIGHT IT MIGHT OVERWHELM THEM BUT I'LL LET THEM DETERMINE THAT I'LL DO THE DESIGN PART I'LL LET THEM FIGHT THE PART AS TO THE PHYSICAL IMPACT. OKAY, BUT WITH THAT AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE QUAM OFFICE VETERANS AFFAIRS A VETERAN MYSELF I FULLY SUPPORT THIS BILL I WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO ENSURE THAT OUR VETERANS GET WHAT THEY DESERVE I THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS CHAIRPERSON
THANK YOU, MR. SAN AGUSTIN. I ALSO WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRESENCE OF MY COLLEAGUE, SENATOR TAITAGUE. THANK YOU, SENATOR. THANK YOU TO THE PANEL FOR APPEARING TODAY TESTIFYING ON BILL FIVE. I WILL MAKE NOTE THAT MARIE LIZAMA FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF

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REVENUE TAXATION DID COMMUNICATE THAT SHE WASN'T ABLE TO ATTEND BUT SHE WILL BE SUBMITTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY THIS BILL WILL NOW MOVE ON TO THE MARKUP HEARINGS AND I WILL REACH OUT TO YOU MR. SAN AGUSTIN TO GIVE YOU A COPY ONCE THE MARKUP IS COMPLETED ON BILL FIVE AS WELL AS WITH SENATOR JOE AGUSTIN AT THIS TIME I'LL OPEN THE FLOOR TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR ANY QUESTIONS THAT THEY MAY HAVE SENATOR GUMATAOTAO.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR ALSO A SON OF A US MARINE AND VERY PROUD OF IT AGAIN I WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE VETERANS IN THIS ROOM FOR YOUR SERVICE NOT ONLY TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM OVER YOUR TIME ALL YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUR ORGANIZATIONS BUT OBVIOUSLY TO OUR GREAT NATION I JUST WANTED FOR THE RECORD MADAM CHAIR JUST TO SAY THAT BBMR DID PROVIDE A FISCAL NOTE ON THE BILL AND DOES ANTICIPATE A FISCAL IMPACT TO THE GENERAL FUND DUE TO THE COSTS THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH THE MANUFACTURING OF THE PROPOSED VETERANS LICENSE PLATES WITH SPECIALIZED NAMES GRAPHIC DESIGNS ABSENT ANY DATA OR PERTINENT INFORMATION FROM BOTH DRT AND THE GUAM VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE BBMR WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE A FISCAL IMPACT MADAM CHAIR RECOGNIZING THAT 16 GCA SECTION 7120.2 C2B AUTHORIZES THE GUAM VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE TO ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER PROVISIONS OF THE VETERANS LICENSE PLATE STATUTE WHAT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM THE PANEL SUMMARIZING EFFORTS I KNOW YOU MENTIONED A BIT AMONG DRT VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE THE GUAM VETERANS COMMISSION AND OTHER GOVERNMENT NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS TO REVIEW THE LICENSE PLATE STATUTE ON A REGULAR BASIS AND TO FORWARD BROADLY ADOPTED AMENDMENTS TO THE GUAM LEGISLATURE FOR CONSIDERATION SO I GUESS MR. SAN AGUSTIN TO YOU.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN WELL WHEN I GUESS THE SIMPLE ANSWER WHEN WE COME UP WITH SUCH A CONCERN SUCH A BILL THAT NOT ONLY THE OFFICE OF VA GOVA INVOLVE ITSELF IN THE DESIGN BUT WE INVOLVE THOSE THAT ARE DEFINITELY IMPACTED BY THE DESIGN NOT ONLY SO I'LL SAY THIS BACK THEN THE INITIAL DESIGN OF THE ARMY AIR FORCE THAT THE FIRST SET OF LICENSE PLATE AND THEN THE SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE THAT DESIGN SOLELY CAME FROM MY OFFICE MYSELF AND THAT WAS IF I LOOK AT IT EVEN THOUGH IT PASSED IT LOOKS GOOD IT'S TOTALLY UNFAIR TO NOT INVOLVE ANYBODY ELSE IN THE INPUT OF THAT THAT THAT DESIGN I MOVED FORWARD BECAUSE IT WAS KIND OF A AN URGENT BUT IT'S NOT SO FAIR BECAUSE I DID NOT GET GOOD INPUTS FROM THE COMMUNITY ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT WERE INVOLVED OR WERE ENTITLED TO THOSE SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE OKAY HOWEVER IN SAYING THAT SUBMISSION OF THAT DESIGN IT MADE IT THROUGH IT PASSED THERE WASN'T ANY ARGUMENT I THINK THE FOLKS THAT WERE ENTITLED TO IT THE SPECIAL RECOGNITION PLATE HAD NO COMPLAINTS SO UP TO THIS DATE THEY STILL HAVE IT ON THEIR VEHICLE AND THEY CONTINUE TO DRIVE AROUND WITH IT PROUDLY THERE'S ON THIS PART WHAT I WOULD ALWAYS RECOMMEND IS THAT THE STATE OFFICE WILL BE THE ONE TO AGAIN KIND OF CONTROL THE SUBMISSION OR THE APPROVAL OF THESE PLATES AS TO WHO IT GOES TO THEREFORE IT ALLOWS THE VETERAN TO COME DOWN WITH THEIR DUTY 214 FORM AND FOR US TO GO AHEAD AND ENSURE THAT THAT PERSON DID IN FACT ENGAGE IN OPERATION DESERT SHOW DESERT STORM OR VIETNAM VETS SO

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WE VET AND IT'S GOING TO OUR OFFICE THAT I THINK IS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT WITHIN THIS BILL THAT THAT'S INCORPORATED. DOES THAT MAKE SENSE?

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO IT DOES I MEAN THE STATUTE WAS ENACTED IN JULY OF 2023 SO I WOULD JUST AS STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU AND YOUR OFFICE TO FIND A CALENDAR AND MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S AT LEAST REGULAR TICKS ON THERE THAT YOU CAN COME BACK I MEAN TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATUTE I THINK IT MAKES SENSE WHAT YOU SAID BUT REMEMBER YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE YOU STILL HAVE YOU HAVE GUYS LIKE DRT SOME OF THE GROUPS THAT ARE IN THIS ROOM TODAY I'M HOPING THAT YOU'LL TAKE THE INFORMATION FROM THEM YOU KNOW IF YOU HAVE TO SEND IT OUT TWICE A YEAR BUT I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU STARTING MAYBE TODAY AGAIN A TWO-YEAR-OLD MEASURE THAT REALLY WE SHOULD KIND OF BE ON TOP OF IT WE'RE HERE DOING WE'RE DISCUSSING THIS PARTICULAR MEASURE BUT IT SHOULD BE SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE DONE VERY REGULARLY ALSO HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION MADAM CHAIR TO WHAT EXTENT HAS THE IDEA OF PRODUCING SPECIAL VETERAN LICENSE AND PLATES LICENSE PLATES FOR THE GENERAL POPULATION THROUGH THE PRISON INDUSTRIES ACT ESTABLISHED BY 9GCA ARTICLE 4 PARTICULARLY AS A WAY TO ENCOURAGE ELIGIBLE INMATES TO APPRECIATE THE SERVICE THE SACRIFICE OF OUR NATIONAL HEROES HAVE PUT FORWARD IN DEFENSE OF THE VERY FREEDOMS THAT THE INMATES ARE HOPEFULLY WORKING EARNESTLY TO RECLAIM ARE YOU ENGAGED YOU'RE A FORMER CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR ARE YOU ENGAGING WITH THEM AT ALL WITH THESE TYPES OF EFFORTS?

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN YEAH SO THANK YOU FOR THAT SENATOR YOU KNOW I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT THAT UP IT'S QUITE IMPORTANT PIECE OF PROGRAM IF IT COULD BE PUT TOGETHER AND IF YOU ALL COULD FIGURE A WAY TO HELP ME OUT, HELP FRED BORDALLO UP FIND THE FUNDING TO BE ABLE TO FIND WHAT EQUIPMENT IS IT THAT WE NEED TO HAVE WHAT THE FACILITY IS SUPPOSED TO LOOK LIKE SO WITH THE SIX YEARS SEVEN YEARS THAT I WAS THERE I WAS STRUGGLING TO TRY TO IMPLEMENT THE LICENSE PLATE PRODUCTION HERE IN GUAM THE EQUIPMENT IS SO EXPENSIVE. BUT WITH THAT SAID IS IT GOING TO BE WORTH IT FOR THE REHABILITATION HAVING THE PRODUCTION HERE IN GUAM KEEPING ALL THAT THAT FUNDS HERE IN GUAM HELP ME OUT YOU'RE ALL SMARTER THAN I AM.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO OH HOW ABOUT WE PUT I AGREE WITH YOU BUT ALSO WE HAVE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM THAT I THINK IF YOU ASK THEM THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO COBBLE UP SOME MONEY TO SUPPORT THIS AND I THINK THAT THE PRISON INDUSTRIES WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY SUPPORTED ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S GOING TO GO BACK SUPPORT OUR VETERANS I THINK THAT IT CAN BE A UNIFIED EFFORT I CAN WE ONLY HAVE AT LEAST ONE OR TWO GROUPS IN HERE BUT THERE MORE THAN A DOZEN THAT WE CAN RALLY EVERYBODY UP A LITTLE BIT OF MONEY DEPOSIT IT AT DOC I GET WHAT YOU'RE SAYING BECAUSE THAT FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE BUT NOW THAT YOU'RE IN THIS POSITION I THINK YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP LOBBY EVEN MORE WITH THAT.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN INTRODUCE THE BILL LET'S GO FOR IT IT'S ONE WAY TO REHABILITATE.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO SO COME CHECK THE DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS CONTRIBUTE MONEY FOR THIS EFFORT.

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JOSE SAN AGUSTIN LET ME WELL SINCE WE'RE THERE LET'S JUST NOT LET'S JUST NOT STOP THERE ARE OTHER THERE ARE OTHER SIMPLE THINGS LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LICENSE PLATES NOW DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN OTHER SIMPLE THINGS RIGHT WHERE THERE'S NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD BE GETTING RID OF WET TRASH FROM THE HOTELS WHEN WE COULD TAKE THAT UP TO DOC TEACH THEM HOW TO RECYCLE RAISE USE THESE WET TRASH FEED TO FEED THEIR CHICKEN THEIR PIGS DRY IT SELL IT TO THE COMMUNITY JUST BECAUSE YOU WENT THEIR PART OF THE PRISON INDUSTRY

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO I WAS TRYING TO SOLICIT FUNDS FOR A MACHINE TO HELP THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OKAY ALL RIGHT MADAM CHAIR. I'LL ASK EVERYBODY OFFLINE, BUT I DEFINITELY THIN IT'S WORTH TO BE ABLE TO ENGAGE ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR THE TIME I DO SUPPORT THE MEASURE.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN THANK YOU

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS CHAIRPERSON
THANK YOU SENATOR GUMATAOTAO SENATOR TERLAJE

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE SI YUOS MA'ASE MADAM CHAIR Hafa Adai Everyone IT'S VERY GOOD TO SEE YOU HERE I KNOW THAT THERE ARE VERY MANY VIETNAM VETERANS AND THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE TO ALL OF YOU VETERANS HERE CAN I'M FULLY SUPPORT THIS BILL OF COURSE I THINK IT'S WELL DESERVED IT'S LIKE MR. FRANCISCO SAID ONE OF THE FEW THINGS THAT WE CAN DO WE THAT WE CAN DO URGENTLY SO THAT THOSE WHO HAVE EARNED THIS CAN DRIVE AS YOU SAID WITH PRIDE AND WELL DESERVED MR. SAN AGUSTIN DIRECTOR CAN YOU PLEASE DOES YOUR COPY OF THE BILL HAVE THESE SAMPLES ATTACHED

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN MINES BETTER THAN THAT MINES IN COLOR

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE ALL RIGHT YOURS IS IN COLOR PERFECT ALL RIGHT MAYBE IF YOU DON'T MIND TO EXPLAIN THAT TO THE PUBLIC WHO MIGHT BE WATCHING I THINK IF YOU HOLD IT UP THE CAMERA WILL BE ABLE TO GRAB IT.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN YEAH ABSOLUTELY SO THIS DESIGN HERE CAME FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS PROPOSED RIGHT IT'S ACTUALLY BASED ON THIS BILL SO IT'S ACTUALLY FOLLOWING WHAT THE BILL IS ASKING THE ONLY THING IS WE GOT TO MAKE SURE IT'S UNDERSTOOD I FOUGHT WITH THIS UNTIL YOU KNOW I TOOK A QUICK FIVE-MINUTE NAP IN THE CAR WHEN YOU PUT THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART NORMALLY UNDERNEATH THERE YOU PUT THAT IT'S A MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART I DON'T WANT THEM TO BE CONSTRUE AGAIN I'LL GET I'LL GET THE APPROVAL FROM THE COMMITTEE THAT IT'S STILL APPROPRIATE THAT YOU KNOW RIGHT UNDERNEATH THE MILITARY ORDER THE PURPLE HEART INSTEAD OF IT SAYING PURPLE HEART IS IT OKAY THAT IT SAYS DESERT SHIELD DESERT STORM BECAUSE I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO SAY "WELL THAT PURPLE HEART NOW IS A DESERT STEEL

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DESERT STORM SYMBOL." SO I'LL GET THE APPROVAL FROM THE COMMITTEE THAT THAT'S GOOD JUST SO IT DOESN'T CONFUSE THE PUBLIC SO THAT'S IT IT'S SIMPLE HERE'S WHAT I GOT THE ISSUE I GOT BECAUSE I WAS LOOKING AT MY REGULAR MC PLATE IN MY VEHICLE I WILL CHECK WITH REVENUE TAX WHAT'S THE MINIMAL SIZES OF THE NUMBER BECAUSE SOME DESIGNS YOU KNOW SO YOU'RE TALKING DESERT SHIELD DESERT STORM YOU KNOW THOSE PALM TREES HAVE LEAVES I DON'T WANT IT TO LOOK LIKE THE RHINO BEETLE WENT THROUGH IT. DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR MADAM?

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE YES WHAT ABOUT THE SECOND PAGE, THERE'S ANOTHER DESIGN.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN YES THAT'S AGAIN BASED ON.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE IS THIS THE EXISTING, OR NO?

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE SAYING. THAT'S THE CURRENT RIGHT

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE CURRENT, OKAY. THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO, THAT'S WHAT I WANTED YOU TO CLARIFY. SO, THIS IS THE CURRENT?

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN THAT'S CORRECT.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE RIGHT, SO THE CHANGE IS TO MOVE THE METAL OVER TO THE LEFT. ANY OF THE SPECIAL MEDALS WILL BE MOVED TO THE LEFT; THE NAME OF THE CONFLICT WILL BE PUT ON THE LEFT UNDERNEATH THE MEDAL BELOW.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN THAT'S CORRECT. IF THEY ARE ENTITLED TO A MEDAL IF THEY DON'T HAVE A MEDAL THE NAME OF THE CONFLICT WILL BE THERE.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE ALL RIGHT.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN SOME OF THEM MIGHT NOT HAVE A MEDAL LIKE ME I MEAN I DON'T KNOW.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE ALL RIGHT AND THE CURRENT ONES THEY CURRENT CONTINUE TO SAY THEIR LETTERS ON THE FRONT, ARE FOR EXAMPLE COAST GUARD ON THIS ONE.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN SO THE CG MEANS IT'S A COAST GUARD.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE THE BRANCH OF SERVICE.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN YES, THE BRANCH OF SERVICE.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE THIS ONE'S ARMY YEAH SO THAT WILL CONTINUE SO THEY WILL STILL BE RECOGNIZED FOR WHICH BRANCH OF SERVICE.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN THAT'S CORRECT.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE ALL RIGHT SO IF YOU LOOK AT THE BILL, THE BILL IS SHOWING US ALSO THE EXISTING LAW. SO, ON PAGE TWO SUBSECTION THREE IT SAYS BELOW THE LICENSE NUMBER, SO THIS

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IS AN EXISTING LAW IT SAYS UNDERNEATH THE LICENSE NUMBER THEY'RE GOING TO AGAIN SAY WHAT'S THE SPECIAL MEDAL IN WORDS. IS THAT CURRENTLY DONE OR NOT?

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN NO.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE OKAY.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN NO.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE ALL RIGHT. SO THAT'S FINE, SO WITH THE SYMBOL OF THE MEDAL IT WILL THERE BE ON PAGE TWO ON THE TOP ON THE NEW SECTION UNDERLINED IT SAYS A SPECIFIED GRAPHIC CHOSEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REV AND TAX SHALL BE PLACED ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OR PLACED ABOVE THE ZONE SERVED IF THE VETERAN REQUESTS TO INCLUDE IT. SO THOSE ARE THE GRAPHICS THAT FOR EXAMPLE THE VIETNAM VETERANS HAVE CHOSEN ONE GRAPHIC EACH CONFLICT WILL CHOOSE THEIR OWN GRAPHIC.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN THAT'S CORRECT MA'AM, BUT I WANT TO MAKE A CORRECTION THAT WHERE ONCE THE COMMITTEE APPROVE OF THE DESIGN THE WAY IT'S GOING TO BE I THINK IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO GIVE THE OPTION OF THE RECIPIENT WHAT IS IT THAT THEY WANT TO RECEIVE THAT THAT'S GOING TO BE IT YOU EITHER WERE THERE OR YOU'RE NOT.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE OKAY THAT WAS MY NEXT QUESTION BECAUSE ON PAGE ONE LINE NINE IT SAYS THE VETERAN MAY REQUEST FOR THIS KIND OF MODIFIED PLATE, BUT I THINK IT'S PROBABLY MORE PRACTICAL THAT WE'RE MODIFYING THE PLATES AS REQUESTED THEY WILL RECEIVE THOSE MODIFIED PLATES RIGHT THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE SUGGESTING THAT.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN YES MA'AM AND THAT'S WHY THE COMMUNITY VETERAN'S INPUTS ARE IMPORTANT.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE OKAY.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN SO THAT YOU KNOW WE COULD SAY WELL WE GOT THE INPUTS FROM THE COMMUNITY NOT JUST FROM JOSE SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING MR. SAN AGUSTIN HAS THE OFFERING OF THESE SPECIAL PLATES BROUGHT MORE OF THE VETERANS INTO YOUR OFFICE TO BE PART OF THE REGISTRY?

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN, I MISSED THE QUESTION MA'AM

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE HAS THE OFFERING OF THESE SPECIAL PLATES BY THE GOVERNMENT ASSISTED IN BRINGING MORE VETERANS INTO YOUR OFFICE AND REGISTERED?

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN, I HAVE TO BE TRANSPARENT I HAVE NOT REALLY LOOKED INTO IT.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE OKAY.

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JOSE SAN AGUSTIN BUT I WILL NOW, I THINK MY FOLKS MIGHT KNOW.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE OKAY I APPRECIATE THAT I'M CURIOUS. I HAVE INTRODUCED A BILL WAS HOPING TO BE COMPANION WITH THIS THAT WOULD WAVE THE FEES EXTEND THE EXEMPTION A LITTLE BIT MORE. WE HAVE CURRENT EXEMPTIONS IN PLACE FOR SOME OF THESE LICENSE PLATES CURRENTLY FOR THOSE WITH 100% DISABILITY ALSO FOR THOSE WITH THE SPECIAL MEDAL RECIPIENTS.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN YES.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE SO IT WOULD EXTEND IT HOPEFULLY IT'S BEEN REFERRED NOW SO HOPEFULLY WE'LL HAVE A HEARING SOON BUT I'M HOPING WITH THAT ONE EXTENDING THE EXEMPTION THAT WE WILL BE ABLE THROUGH YOUR OFFICE IF THEY APPLY FOR THE EXEMPTION TO ESPECIALLY ADD THEM TO THE REGISTRY

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN YES.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE INCREASE OUR NUMBERS OFFICIALLY AND THEN GET THOSE SERVICES HERE ON GUAM THAT YOU'VE BEEN ASKING FOR PARTICULARLY. SI YUOS MA'ASE, THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY, THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS CHAIRPERSON
THANK YOU SENATOR TERLAJE, SENATOR BARNETT.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT SI YUOS MA'ASE, MADAM CHAIR AND SI YUOS MA'ASE TODOS HAMSU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR ISLAND AND OUR NATION I THINK ONE OF THE RETIRING SPEAKERS SAID THEY'RE SOMEBODY SAID THEY'RE 100% I'M 300% BEHIND THE BILL YOU KNOW SINCE WE'RE DOING THE EVERY OTHER MONTH SESSIONS IN THIS LEGISLATURE I THINK THAT THE SOONEST ACCORDING TO OUR SCHEDULE WE'D BE ABLE TO PASS THE BILL IF IT MAKES IT THROUGH THE MARKUP ALL THAT WOULD BE MID TO LATE JULY SO MR. SAN AGUSTIN AFTER THAT YOU KNOW I'M ASSUMING IT'S GOING TO PASS UNANIMOUSLY IT'S GOING TO REALLY COME DOWN TO YOUR OFFICE WORKING IN CONCERT WITH THE DIFFERENT VETERANS GROUPS TO GET ALL THE PERTINENT INFORMATION ALL THE WANTS THE ASKS THE AGREEMENTS RELATIVE TO THE DESIGNS AND THE VERBIAGE THAT'S GOING TO BE INCLUDED SO MR. FRANCISCO I'M HOPING THAT YOU KNOW IF WE PASS THIS AND IT'S SUBSEQUENTLY SIGNED INTO LAW IN AUGUST THAT WE'RE ABLE TO GET IT IMPLEMENTED HOPEFULLY BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR I ABSOLUTELY AGREE I THINK THE URGENCY HAS TO BE FOR THE VIETNAM VETERANS YOU KNOW IF WE HAD A BILL THAT JUST STRICTLY VIETNAM VETERANS RAM IT THROUGH THEN LIKE YOU SAID WE AMEND IT ON THE BACK END OR INTRODUCE ANOTHER MEASURE BUT THIS IS THE ONE THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US SO I DEFINITELY SUPPORT ITS PASSAGE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AS THE SON STEPSON GRANDSON OF VETERAN I KNOW YOU GUYS KNOW I TOLD YOU MANY TIMES MY LATE GRANDFATHER WAS PART OF THE GUAM COMBAT PATROL THE INSULAR GUARD IN WORLD WAR TWO I'M ALSO THE SON OF AND STEPSON OF VIETNAM VETERANS SO ABSOLUTELY AM SO GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE SERVICE SACRIFICE OF OUR VETERANS COMMUNITY I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE OTHER MEASURES THAT SEEK TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR VETERAN COMMUNITY I ALSO THANK MADAME CHAIR FOR THE

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EXPLANATION ON BILL 85 AND THE POST MOMENT OF THAT HEARING I'M VERY GRATEFUL THAT IT SOUNDS LIKE SHE'S GOING TO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH THE VETERANS COMMUNITY TO TURN OUT A BILL THAT HOPEFULLY WILL BE A LOT BETTER I TOO WAS IN RECEIPT OF A LOT OF CONCERNS ABOUT THE BILL SO I'M VERY GRATEFUL THAT IT'S KIND OF BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD FOR THAT SO SI YUOS MA'ASE MADAM CHAIR FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS CHAIRPERSON
THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT, SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR Hafa Adai and good afternoon everyone thank you so much for being here today and I thank you for your service but most especially for everyone that's sitting here today I thank you for continuing to advocate for all the veterans out there we know there's thousands of more but each one of you here today is doing your part to keep their you know the advocacy alive for them too as well so I really appreciate you being here today it means very much the bill that was just referred to me actually if I'm this week if not early last week is a bill introduced by Senator Therese Terlaje that I'm looking forward to having a public hearing on it will it will be such a great compliment you know with this legislation then to provide you know exempt the cost for our veterans who served us to not have to pay for these license plate I was hoping that rev and tax would be here too you know just to ask a couple questions because we know that currently right now the license plate is that's given for veterans they're allowed two or are they allowed one? What? They're allowed four now, okay, so they're allowed four then Mr. Gamboa when you did your testimony earlier spoke on this legislation you mentioned something about being able to get together to fully discuss you know because one of my concerns too is that some of our veterans have served in different lines you know from different like Desert Storm to you know other programs that had come about how do you put that all on the license plate without being you know without the public safety being able to not see the numbers correctly stuff but if can you kind of elaborate what your thought is on trying to you know come by together find out what we

ROY GAMBOA SURE SENATOR YEAH THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT SO ONE OF THE THINGS BEFORE I FORGET AS WE'RE SITTING HERE WE'RE DISCUSSING TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE INCLUDE EVERYBODY'S INPUT AT THE END OF THIS MONTH WILL BE THE NEXT GUAM VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING I'VE JUST ASKED MR. MENO FROM THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO INCLUDE BILL 5-38 INTO THAT DISCUSSION AND WHAT WE'RE HOPING TO DO IS WHEN WE HAVE THAT BILL WHEN WE HAVE THAT MEETING I WILL REQUEST AND OR PRINT SOME SAMPLES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE IN THE US SO IT MAY BE A COST INHIBITOR OF TRANSITIONING FROM THE METAL STAMP TO THE PLASTIC HOWEVER ONE OF THE IDEAS FORGIVE ME EVEN THOUGH I'M A MARINE I PROBABLY ATE ALL MY CRAYONS SO I DIDN'T BRING ANY CRAYONS TO DRAW ANYTHING SPECIAL BUT ONE OF THE IDEAS THE WAY IT'S PRESENTED IN THE STATES SO THAT YOU CAN SO EVERY VETERAN CAN STILL EXPRESS THEIR

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INDIVIDUALITY RIGHT WAS DESIGNING A PLATE WHERE IN I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN SEE THIS ON THE CAMERA OR IF YOU CAN SEE THIS WELL BASICALLY YOU HAVE YOUR GUAM AND US FLAG ON THE TOP YOUR GUAM USA THE TANO IMATUNARU(INAUDIBLE) IS UP HERE BUT ON THE BOTTOM IT'LL BE A BIGGER MORE BOLD VETERAN ACROSS THE BOTTOM WHAT WILL END UP HAPPENING IS THERE WILL BE A SUBDUED BACKGROUND YOU VETERANS KNOW WHAT SUBDUED IS IT'S A LITTLE LIGHTER BACKGROUND THAT'S GOING TO BE EMBLAZED ON THERE BUT SPACE ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE PLATE THIS IS WHAT I'VE SEEN STATE SIDE SPACE ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE PLATE IS THE CHOICE FOR THE VETERAN WITH AS MANY DIFFERENT OPTIONS THAT YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM YOU CAN CHOOSE JUST SAY I JUST WANT THE MARINE CORPS LOGO OR I JUST WANT THE ARMY LOGO OR I WANT MY MOPH I WANT MY PURPLE HEART THINGS LIKE THAT SO LONG AS LIKE WE'RE SAYING WITH DMV WE STILL HAVE THE NUMERATION RIGHT THERE IN APPROPRIATE SIZE THAT WILL STILL FOLLOW ALL THE RULES AND ALL THE LAWS SO THAT IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE SAYING IT'S NOT IT'S NOT GOING TO HAMPER THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR ANYBODY FROM IDENTIFYING IT SO TO HAVE A SPACE ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE THERE WHICH IS STRICTLY PRINTED DOESN'T HAVE TO BE EMBOSSED JUST A SIMPLE PRINT ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE THAT THE VETERAN CAN CHOOSE RIGHT THIS WAY THESE DIGITAL FILES CAN BE READY AT DMV THEY CAN TAKE A LOOK AT IT PERHAPS GOVA CAN GENERATE A SAMPLE AT THE OFFICE WITH THAT DOCUMENT SO WHEN THEY GO UP TO REV AND TAX I MEAN DMV THEY FILE IT THERE'S ALREADY A SAMPLE READY FOR THE PRINT SO THAT WHEN IT COMES BACK THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT SO ON SO FORTH SO THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'VE SEEN STATE SIDE IS IN THE BACKDROP THERE IS A DESIGN IT COULD BE FOR MARINES IT COULD BE THE FLAT RAISING OF THE FLAG AT OGEMA THINGS LIKE THAT BUT FOR THE MOST PART I SEE THEM ALWAYS RESERVING SPACE PROBABLY A 1/4 OF THE SPACE OF THE TOTAL LICENSE PLATE FOR INDIVIDUALS I'VE SEEN PEOPLE PUT THEIR RIBBON STACK ON THE SIDE THEY'LL PUT THEIR RANK AS A DISPLAY OF YOU KNOW PRIDE SO THAT'S ONE OPTION I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN STILL MOVE FORWARD WITHOUT MAKING MAJOR CHANGES LOCALLY

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE OKAY, YOU KNOW I NOTICED YOU HAD MC. THAT STANDS FOR MARINE CORPS, RIGHT?

ROY GAMBOA RIGHT, CORRECT. SO, THIS WAY YOU CAN SEE

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE MY FATHER HAD AF YOU KNOW FOR AIR FORCE

ROY GAMBOA SO THIS WAY THE FIRST TWO WILL STILL BE SIMILAR TO WHAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE TO THEIR MILITARY

ROY GAMBOA IT'LL BE THE BRANCH OF SERVICE THEN THE UNIQUE IDENTIFIER WOULD FOLLOW CORRECT

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE I SEE I SEE SO WE STILL MAINTAIN THAT BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION YOU KNOW BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF DIFFERENT FOR DESERT STORM ALSO THE THE LOGOS ARE ALL THE LOGO THE SAME THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND IS IT SOMETHING THAT'S STANDARDIZED THROUGH THE MILITARY

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ROY GAMBOA FOR THE MOST PART

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE FOR DESERT STORM FOR PURPLE HEARTS ALL THAT SO IT'S NOTHING WE NEED TO REINVENT BASICALLY WE JUST NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO PUT IT ON THE LICENSE PLATE TO MAKE IT WORK

ROY GAMBOA CORRECT SO WHILE THE NUMBERS AND THE BRANCH OF SERVICE CAN BE WILL BE BOSSED EMBOSSED STAMPED THAT LITTLE LEFT HAND SIDE PROBABLY ABOUT 3 TO 4 IN WIDE ON THE LICENSE PLATE THAT WILL JUST BE STRICTLY PRINTED THAT'LL JUST BE THE TEXT LIKE WE'RE SAYING THE VETERAN CAN COME DOWN SAY YOU KNOW WHAT FOR THIS PLATE I WANT MY RANK AT THE TOP I WANT MY RIBBON STACKED BELOW IT WHATEVER IT MAY BE

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE RIGHT.

ROY GAMBOA THE DIGITAL FILES CAN BE CREATED AT GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE RIGHT TO DETERMINE IF IT'S TRUE TO FORM THEY WERE IN THAT LINE OF WORK UNDERSTAND GREAT

ROY GAMBOA YES MA'AM.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE YEAH, MR. FRANCISCO, I KNOW YOU HAVE YOUR FINGER ON THE BUTTON.

NICK FRANCISCO YOU KNOW WHEN WE FIRST STARTED THAT SPECIAL VETERAN RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE WE INCLUDE THE BRONZE STAR, SILVER STAR, DISTINGUISHED CROSS, AND PURPLE HEART THAT RIGHT NOW YOU SEE ON EVERY CARD WHOEVER'S A PURPLE HEART WHOEVER HAS A BRONZE STAR WHOEVER HAS A SILVER STAR DISTINGUISHED CROSS THEY GOT THAT ON THEIR LICENSE PLATE NOW WE ARE GOING TO PATTERN TOWARD THAT THE REV AND TAX SHOW YOU HOW THE LICENSE PLATE GOING TO LOOK WE CANNOT ALTER THAT THE ONLY THING YOU'RE GOING TO PUT IN THERE LIKE I SAID ON THE LEFT SIDE IS THAT THE BRONZE STAR SILVER STAR DISTINGUISHED CROSS OR PURPLE HEART AND EVERYTHING SHOULD BE THE SAME THE WAY THE LICENSE PLATE LOOK THERE'S A STRUCTURE HOW YOU GOING TO SET THIS LICENSES PLATE YOU CANNOT COME UP WITH DIFFERENT KIND THE ONLY THING THERE THAT'S GOING TO COME LIKE I SAID WITH NOW THE FOR EXAMPLE VIETNAM WAR WE HAVE OUR OWN LOGO THAT LOGO IS GOING TO GO ON THE LEFT SIDE THE REST SHOULD BE ALL THE SAME. WHEN YOU SEE THAT LOGO EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT THAT'S VIETNAM VETERAN LOGO, RIGHT SO EVERY WAR HERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE THEIR OWN LOGO.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE RIGHT

NICK FRANCISCO I THINK THAT'S THE JOB OF SENATOR SAN I MEAN DIRECTOR SAN AGUSTIN IS TO COME UP WITH THE DESIGN BUT THE PURPLE THE VIETNAM VETERAN ALREADY DONE THAT; WE'VE ALREADY DESIGNED WE ALREADY GIVE IT TO MR. SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE OKAY.

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Thursday June 12, 2025, at 2:00 P.M.

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NICK FRANCISCO WE'RE JUST WAITING FOR THIS BILL TO HAPPEN, PASS BECOME LAW SO WE CAN MOVE FORWARD.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE THE OTHER THE OTHER BILL FROM SENATOR TERLAJE.

NICK FRANCISCO WE'RE READY WE'RE READY THE OTHER WAR WILL FOLLOW.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE YEP, I SEE.

NICK FRANCISCO THE REASON WHY I SAY THE OTHER WAR BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ANY ORGANIZATION LIKE US WE HAVE THE VIETNAM VETERAN OF AMERICA CHAPTER 668 WE HAVE AN ORGANIZATION WE DISCUSS THIS WE DECIDE THIS WE PLAN THIS.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE SO WE YOU'RE SAYING THERE'S NO THERE'S NO DESERT STORM LOGO

NICK FRANCISCO I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S THE LOGO I DON'T KNOW

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE THERE IS ONE ACCORDING TO GAMBOA HE'S SAYING THERE IS A DESERT STORM LOGO I SEE I SEE OKAY.

NICK FRANCISCO BUT VIETNAM VETERAN HAVE A LOGO.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE YEAH AND OTHER YOU KNOW DURING THE WAR I MEAN SOME OF THE OTHER AREAS THAT OUR GOOD PEOPLE HAVE SERVED IN LIKE DESERT STORM OTHER AFFILIATES KOREAN WAR OF COURSE BUT THAT WAS FURTHER BACK YOU KNOW I HAVE A LIST OF THEM I CAN'T REMEMBER WHERE I PUT IT ON MY ON MY DOCUMENT HERE BUT THERE WAS A LIST OF THEM YEAH OPERATION DESERT SHIELD OPERATION IRAQ FREEDOM WERE SOME OF THE OTHER AREAS I'M NOT SURE IT SO I'M SURE THEY ALL HAVE THEIR LOGOS THAT THEY WEAR THOSE PATCHES OR THOSE LOGOS WITH PRIDE BECAUSE THEY SERVED YOU KNOW JUST LIKE THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE VIETNAM WAR THE KOREAN WAR AND THEY PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE RECOGNIZE EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM I HOPE THAT THAT OPPORTUNITY IS ALLOWED FOR THOSE VETERANS SO NOW I SEE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING I'M GLAD YOU GUYS DID A LOT OF WORK ON THIS WE'RE ALMOST TO THE FINISH LINE ON THIS AND I JUST HOPE THAT WE DON'T LEAVE ANY OF OUR VETERANS OUT NONE OF THEM OUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP THEM ALL THERE SO OTHER THAN THAT DO WE HAVE A DANCING LOGO FOR MY PARTNER OVER THERE MY DANCING PARTNER. OKAY.

ROY GAMBOA MADAM CHAIR MAY I SO THE ONLY ONE CHALLENGE THAT I THINK THAT MAY AFFECT A VERY FEW PEOPLE IS PEOPLE THAT HAVE SERVED IN MULTIPLE CAMPAIGNS AND MULTIPLE WARS IT'S A SMALL GROUP BUT THERE IS THAT POSSIBILITY I THINK THAT WOULD BE RELYING ON THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO DESIGNATE WHETHER THEY HAVE TO CHOOSE ONE OR IF THEY'RE GOING TO GET FOUR PLATES CAN THEY MIX THOSE PLATE OPTIONS SO THAT'S JUST ONE THING TO CONSIDER AS WELL MOVING FORWARD.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE OKAY WELL I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING WHAT THE COMMISSION HAS TO SAY ABOUT THIS WHEN YOU HAVE YOUR MEETING AND THEN ALSO MADAM CHAIR

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THE BILL I'M GOING TO FAST AS I CAN GET THAT OTHER BILL HEARD SO MAYBE WE CAN PUT THEM BOTH ON THE SESSION FLOOR AT THE SAME TIME AND YOU KNOW COMPLIMENT EACH OTHER AS SAID EARLIER THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR FOR THE OPPORTUNITY THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR BEING HERE TODAY THANK YOU.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS CHAIRPERSON

THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE. IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON BILL FIVE? OKAY WELL THANK YOU SO MUCH WE WILL AGAIN WORK TO GET BILL FIVE ONTO THE JULY SESSION AGENDA. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO TESTIFIED MR. FRANCISCO, MR. GAMBOA, MR. COBAR, AND MR. SAN AGUSTIN.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 3:26 P.M.

III. Findings and Recommendations

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs finds That the committee found widespread support for Bill 5 with recommendations to expedite its passage, given the declining numbers of Vietnam veterans and the overdue recognition such plates would provide. It concluded that updating the license plates reflects the community's respect and gratitude for the service of veterans

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs hereby reports- out on Bill No. 5-38 (COR) As amended - Joe S. San Agustin - AN ACT TO AMEND § 7120.2(d), CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO VETERANS LICENSE PLATES DESIGNS AND RECOGNITIONS. With the recommendation **TO DO PASS** .

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Bill No. 5-38 (COR)

Introduced by:

Joe S. San Agustin



**AN ACT TO AMEND § 7120.2(d), CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16,
GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO VETERANS
LICENSE PLATES DESIGNS AND RECOGNITIONS.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

**Section 1. § 7120.2(d), Chapter 7, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated is
hereby *amended* to read:**

(d) Color and Design. A veteran license plate shall be the same standard size and shape as a regular passenger vehicle with the additional features as follows:

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18 symbols. Such entries shall include: 'DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS,'
19 'SILVER STAR,' 'BRONZE STAR,' 'DISTINGUISHED FLYING
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21 equivalent awards.

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

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

"EXHIBIT A"

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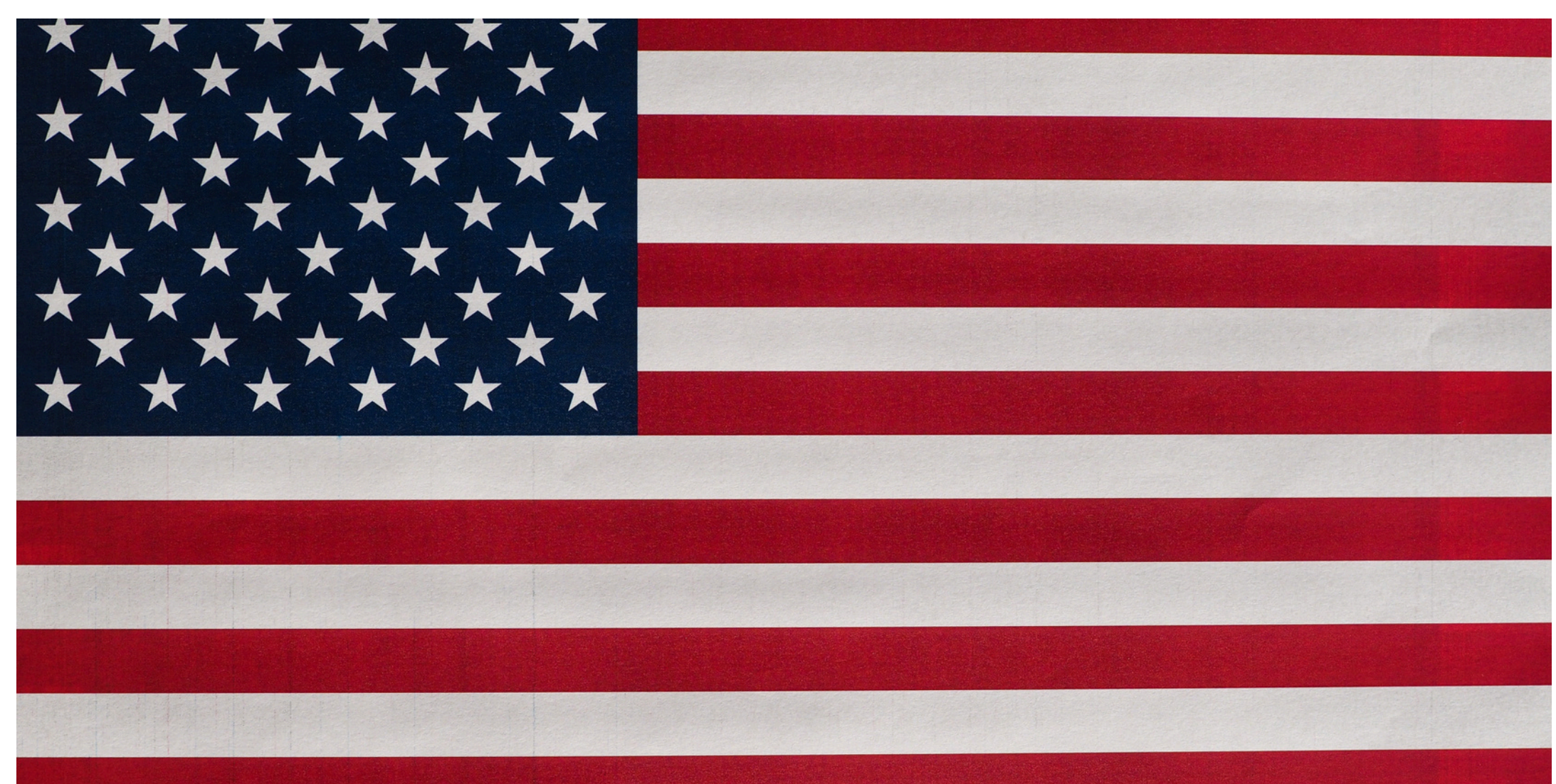
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TANO Y CHAMORRO

"Exhibit B"

Sample Plate



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OPERATION
DESERT STORM

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Joe S. San Agustin

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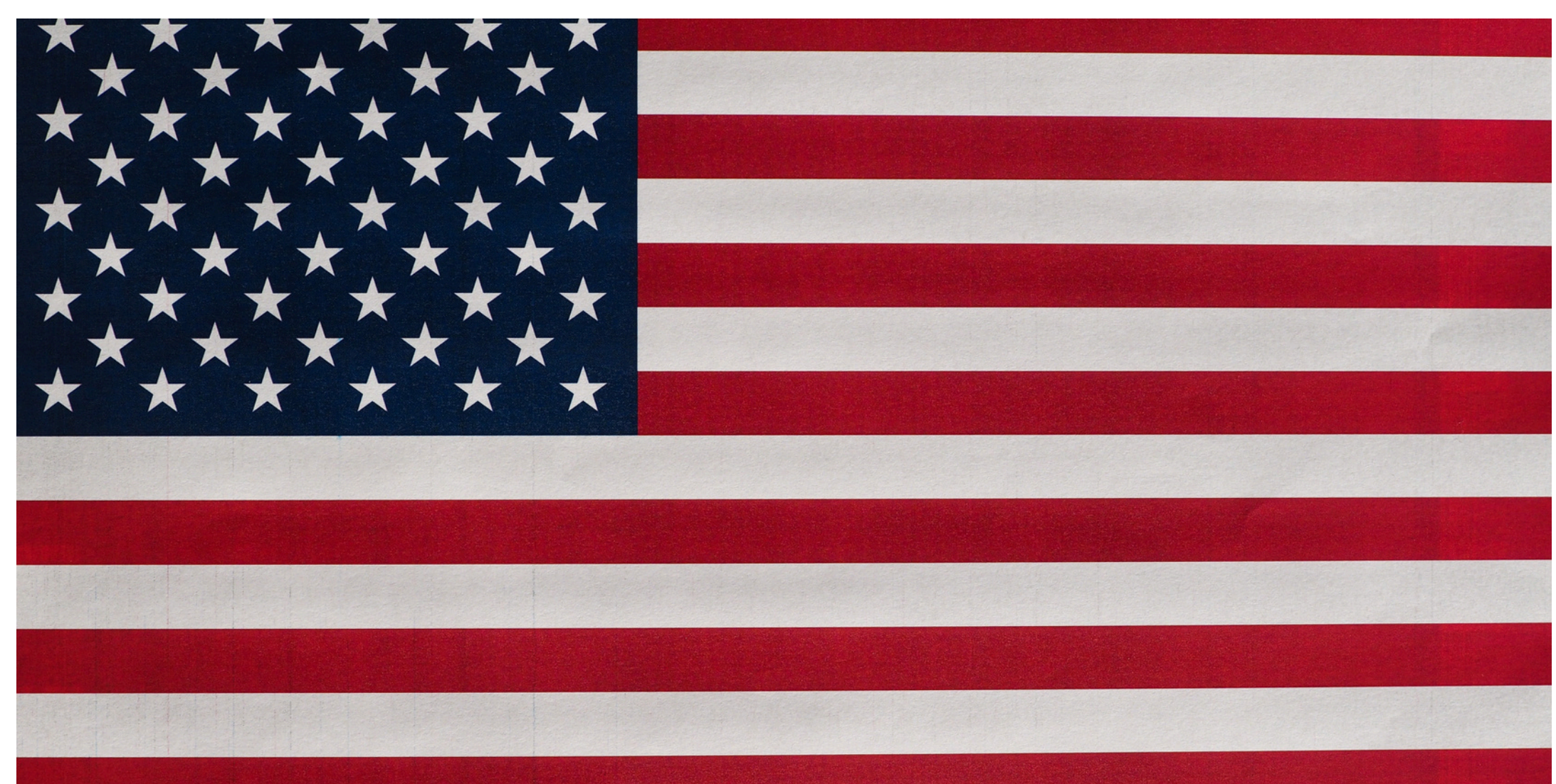
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COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson

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38th Guam Legislature

February 13, 2025

To: **Rennae V. C. Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

From: **Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: **Fiscal Note for Bill No. 5-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 5-38 (COR).

I also request that the same be sent to the respective Chairperson of the Standing Committee, to which this bill has been referred. Kindly forward the same to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.



Bureau of Budget & Management Research
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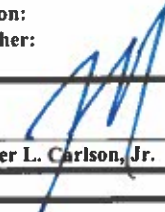
Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: Department of Revenue and Taxation (DRT)	Dept./Agency Head: Marie Lizama, Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$14,837,221
Department's Other Fund appropriation(s) to date: Banking and Insurance Enforcement Fund (\$386,733); Better Public Service Fund (\$1,377,900); Tax Collection Enhancement Fund (\$1,133,635)	\$2,898,268
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$17,735,489

Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: Office of Veterans Affairs (OVA)	Dept./Agency Head: Jose San Agustin, Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$1,224,345
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date:	\$0
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$1,224,345

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation			
	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2024 Unreserved Fund Balance		\$0	\$0
FY 2025 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2025 Appro. (P.L. 37-125)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill						
	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2025 (If applicable)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Fund	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

- Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? / / Yes /X/ No
 If Yes, see attachment
- Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? /X/ N/A / / Yes / / No
 If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ /X/ N/A
- Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? / / Yes /X/ No
 If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? / / N/A / / Yes /X/ No
 Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? / / Yes /X/ No
- Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? / / Yes /X/ No
- Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept./agency? If no, indicate reason: / / Yes /X/ No
 /X/ Requested agency comments not received by due date / / Other:

Analyst:  Jasmine C. Tereas, BMA II	Date: 02/12/25	Director:  Lester L. Carlson, Jr.	Date: FEB 12 2025
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Comments:
 1/ Please note that the Bureau had sought input on the proposed Bill 5-38 (COR) from the Department of Revenue and Taxation and the Office of Veterans Affairs on 01/22/2025 and a follow up on 02/05/2025 but has not received any official comments from either entity as of the date of this fiscal note.

Should the proposed legislation be enacted, the Bureau anticipates a fiscal impact to the General Fund due to the costs involved with the manufacturing of the proposed Veterans license plates with specialized names and graphic designs.

However, absent any data or pertinent information from both the DRT and the OVA, the Bureau is unable to provide an estimated fiscal impact at this time.