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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
75-38 (COR)	Frank F. Blas, Jr.	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> §3101(b) OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING NON-RESIDENT ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS FROM DRIVER'S LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.	3/4/25 2:22 p.m.	3/14/25 11:30 a.m.	Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement.	Request: 3/14/25 3/17/25	4/29/25 2:00 p.m.	5/13/25 As Amended.	



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May 12, 2025

The Honorable Frank F. Blas Jr.
Speaker

I Mina'trentai Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 75-38 (COR) - As amended

Buenas yan Håfa adai, Speaker Blas,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on Bill No. 75-38 (COR, As amended –
Introduced by Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr. – “AN ACT TO AMEND §3101(b) OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE
16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING NON-RESIDENT ACTIVE-DUTY
SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS FROM DRIVER’S LICENSING
REQUIREMENTS.”

Committee votes are as follows:

<u>2</u>	TO DO PASS
<u>0</u>	TO NOT PASS
<u>3</u>	TO REPORT OUT ONLY
<u>0</u>	TO ABSTAIN
<u>0</u>	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Sincerely,


TELO T. TAITAGUE
Senator



COMMITTEE ON RULES

RECEIVED:

May 12, 2025 11:15 a.m.
Marie Crisostomo
Revisions Received:
May 13, 2025 11:01 a.m.



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COMMITTEE REPORT

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SPONSOR: Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr.

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MEMORANDUM:

TO: All Members
*Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Regulatory
Affairs, Technology, Justice, Elections, and Retirement*

FROM: Senator Telo T. Taitague
Committee Chairperson

SUBJECT: Committee Report on Bill No. 75-38 (COR), As amended.

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This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 75-38 (COR)
- Notice of Public Hearing
- Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Written Testimonies and Additional Documents
- Committee Vote Sheet and E-mails
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 75-38 (COR), As Introduced
- Copy of Bill No. 75-38 (COR), As Amended
- Copy of Bill No. 75-38 (COR), with Committee Markup
- Copy of Fiscal Note from the Bureau of Budget & Management Research

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu'os ma'åse'!

Senator Telo T. Taitague - Chairperson



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson
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38th Guam Legislature

March 14, 2025

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

Attorney Darleen Hiton
Legislative Legal Counsel

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

Subject: **Referral of Bill No. 75-38 (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. 75-38 (COR)** – Frank F. Blas, Jr. – “AN ACT TO AMEND §3101(b) OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING NON-RESIDENT ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS FROM DRIVER’S LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.”

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred to Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement chaired by Senator Telo T. Taitague. I also request that the same be forwarded to the Prime Sponsor of the subject bill and to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

A copy of the bill is available on our legislative website.

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





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April 22, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

From: Senator Telo T. Taitague

Subject: FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing – Tuesday April 29, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

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We are looking forward to your participation!

Respectfully

Senator Telo T. Taitague
Chairperson



Isah Peredo <senatortelot.isah@gmail.com>

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1 message

Senator Telo Taitague <senatortelot@gmail.com>
To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov

Tue, Apr 22, 2025 at 9:42 AM

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 **Posted on:** 04/22/2025 08:40 AM

 **Posted by:** Keith Taliugyan

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New Order

Revised/Add-On

Info. Update

Advertiser Name

Office of Senator Telo Taitague - 38th
Guam Legislature

Address

Suite 407 DNA Bldg; 238 Archbishop Flores
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Point of Contact

Keith Taliugyan

Order Number

Order Entry Date

Customer PO #

2538PO128

Product Code

RECEIVABLES ACCOUNT

☒ Cash ☐ Trade ☐ Other

ORDER DESCRIPTION

PRODUCTION INFORMATION

Cart # Title: Length:

FOR INTERNAL PURPOSES ONLY

Media Consultant

Christie SA

Notary Required

YES

☒

NO

Billing

Per Spot

Package

☒

Trade

Station	Inc Acct	Rate	Start Date	End Date	AbsTime/Prog. Event	Length	Spot Type	Cart #	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	SU	Per Wk	Total #	Total \$
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KUAM TV

1x :15 Second Commercial on TV8 or TV11 from 12am - 5:59pm - First Notice (Air date: 04/22/25)

1x :15 Second Commercial on TV8 or TV11 from 12am - 5:59pm - First Notice (KUAM Match)

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Contract for Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 29, 2025; 1st and 2nd Notice

MONTHLY TOTALS

Jan _____ Feb _____ Mar _____ Apr 500 May _____ June _____
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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

ORDER TOTALS

Total Spots _____ PKG

Total Dollars \$ 500.00

TV COMMERCIAL FORMAT: We ask that all commercials be formatted to originate in HD 1920x1080 and conform to a 4x3 pillar for Title Safe dimensions for graphics. These will be downconverted on our SD channels. Should a commercial spot be produced in SD, it should be formatted in 720x486 DI format resolution and will be upconverted on HD Channels (DOCOMO 608 and 611).

RESTRICTIONS: 48-hour deadline is KUAM's quality control to ensure that your advertisement airing meets the highest standards. If there is a rush, KUAM is not responsible for quality and standard concerns on behalf of the client.

PAYMENT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF NOTICE. In the event of cancellation of this contract prior to its scheduled expiration date and/or failure to remit payment of invoice[s] within 60 days of invoice date, all spots that have run prior to the cancellation date and/or schedules adhered to will be billed at the Rate Card. Client understands and agrees that a finance charge of 10% per month shall accrue on all accounts remaining unpaid one [1] month after invoice date. Client agrees to pay a USD\$25.00 service fee per returned check. There will be a 5% surcharge for all credit card transactions. If payment is not made as required, KUAM may, its option, without notice or demand payment, declare Client's credit account in default, in which case Client's entire balance[s] that are due and payable will be forwarded for collection. Client agrees to accept all consequences and to pay all costs, including attorney's fees, court fees, court costs and other expenses incurred as deemed necessary by KUAM to settle the account.

NON DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE: KUAM/Pacific Telestations, LLC does not discriminate on the basis of race or ethnicity in the placement, scheduling and completion of purchase of advertising. Any order for advertising that includes any such restriction will not be accepted.

ACCEPTED BY CLIENT

4/17/25

Christie SanAgustin

ACCEPTED BY STATION



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April 25, 2025

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To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

From: Senator Telo T. Taitague

Subject: SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing – Tuesday April 29, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

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Isah Peredo <senatortelot.isah@gmail.com>

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April 16, 2025

Transmitted via Electronic Mail

Marie P. Lizama – Director
Department of Revenue and Taxation
marie.lizama@revtax.guam.gov

Subject: Invitation to provide testimony on Bill No. 88 & 75:

Hafa Adai Director Lizama

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Senator Telo T. Taitague
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Invitation Letter to Provide Testimony on Bill 88 & 75 - April 29, 2025 at 2 p.m.

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Senator Telo Taitague <senatortelot@gmail.com>

16 April 2025 at 13:41

To: Marie.Lizama@revtax.guam.gov, DirectorsOffice@revtax.guam.gov

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Please see attached letter and kindly confirm receipt.

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Marie P. Lizama <Marie.Lizama@revtax.guam.gov>

17 April 2025 at 09:02

To: Senator Telo Taitague <senatortelot@gmail.com>, DRT_DirectorsOffice <DirectorsOffice@revtax.guam.gov>

Hafa Adai, Senator Taitague.

I confirm receipt of your letter.

We have had an initial discussion of the draft legislation and are currently working on the testimony for the scheduled hearing.

Regards,

Marie P. Lizama

Director

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Roy Gamboa – Chairman
Guam Veterans Commission
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22 April 2025 at 10:39

To: Jose San Agustin <jose.sanagustin@gvao.guam.gov>, Roy Gamboa <[REDACTED]>

Cc: joseph.meno@gvao.guam.gov

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Jose San Agustin <jose.sanagustin@gvao.guam.gov>

23 April 2025 at 07:38

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I confirm receipt. I will be there..Thank you

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To: christopher.faurot@us.af.mil

26 March 2025 at 14:03

Hafa Adai Brig Gen Faurot,

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To: christopher.faurot@us.af.mil

3 April 2025 at 11:28

Hafa Adai Brig Gen Faurot,

Please note that Bill No.75-38 (COR) hearing has been moved to April 29, 2025 at 2pm, while Bill 84 hearing has been canceled and will reach out once the hearing date is set.

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Faurot, Christopher K (Frenchy) Maj Gen USAF INDOPACOM J00 (USA)

<christopher.k.faurot.mil@us.navy.mil>

To: "senatortelot@gmail.com" <senatortelot@gmail.com>

8 April 2025 at

16:12

Hafa Adai Telo!

Aloha and I hope this email finds you healthy and in good spirits in light of this crazy world!

Barb is sitting next to me and sends her love and aloha as well!

Apologies for the delayed response as I don't normally access my old air force email.

Unfortunately I am no longer in Guam and am now work for the Commander, INDOPACOM back in Hawaii.

Please let me know if you would like me to recommend someone else to testify in my place.

Aloha,

Frenchy

CHRISTOPHER K. FAUROT, Maj Gen, USAF

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8 April 2025 at 16:55

HafaAloha!

First and foremost, please give Barb a big hug from me—I truly miss you all.

Apologies for the mix-up regarding the letter. It looks like you're still on the Governor's protocol list when my staff should have gone directly to the military website instead.

I hope everything is going well in your role on the beautiful island of Hawaii. But always remember—Guam has the

kindest people, and you will always have a warm welcome waiting here. 🤗

Wishing you safety and good health.

Kindest regards, Telo

On Apr 8, 2025, at 4:13 PM, Faurot, Christopher K (Frenchy) Maj Gen USAF INDOPACOM J00 (USA)
<christopher.k.faurot.mil@us.navy.mil> wrote:

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Subject: Invitation to provide testimony on Bill No.75-38 (COR):

Hafa Adai Mr. Benitez

This letter is to notify you that the Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Regulatory Affairs, Technology, Justice, Elections and Retirement has set a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 2:00 p.m., in the Guam Congress Building, Public Hearing room**, to hear the following Bill:

- I. **Bill No. 75-38 (COR)** – Frank F. Blas, Jr. – “AN ACT TO AMEND §3101(b) OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING NON-RESIDENT ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS FROM DRIVER’S LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.”

I respectfully request your presence to provide testimony and answer questions from the senate panel.

All testimony may be submitted to my office via email to senatortelot@gmail.com or delivered to the Office of Senator Telo T. Taitague Suite 407 DNA Building 238 Archbishop Flores St, *Hagatna*, Guam 96910 two (2) days prior to the public hearing. Please contact our office via email or at (671) 989-8356, for any questions or concerns.

Respectfully

Senator Telo T. Taitague

Chairperson



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Invitation Letter to Provide Testimony on Bill 75-38 (COR) - April 29, 2025 at 2 p.m

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Please see attached letter and kindly confirm receipt.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse,***Create a Great Day!****Senator Telo T. Taitague*

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PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Guam Congress Building, Public Hearing Room.

The Committee will hear and accept testimonies on the following items:

AGENDA for 2:00PM:

- I. **Bill No. 33-38 (COR)** - V. Anthony Ada, Christopher M. Dueñas, Frank Blas, Jr., William A. Parkinson, Joe S. San Agustin, Jesse A. Lujan, Chris Barnett, Sabina F. Perez, Sabrina Salas Matanane, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Shelly V. Calvo – “AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 25.15(a)(2) AND 25.20(a)(2) OF CHAPTER 25, TITLE 9 AND §715(h)(7) OF CHAPTER 7 TITLE 1 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO EXPANSION OF THE ELEMENTS FOR FIRST AND SECOND DEGREE CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT.”
- II. **Bill No. 88-38 (COR)** – Tele T. Taitague, Sabina F. Perez, Therese M. Terlaje, Chris Barnett, Shelly V. Calvo, V. Anthony Ada - “AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT CHAPTER 25, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ASSESSING THE TAXATION OF VEHICLE TITLE TRANSFERS ON THE BILL OF SALE ONLY AND STREAMLINING VEHICLE OWNERSHIP TRANSFERS.”
- III. **Bill No. 75-38 (COR)** – Frank F. Blas, Jr. - AN ACT TO AMEND §3101(b) OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING NON-RESIDENT ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS FROM DRIVER’S LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.
- IV. **Bill No. 97-38 (LS)** - Frank F. Blas Jr., Telo T. Taitague – “AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO AMEND §45.30(b) AND §45.40 OF CHAPTER 45, TITLE 8, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO THE REORGANIZATION OF THE GUAM PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE LEGAL AID AND SERVICES TO PERSONS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO COUNSEL UNDER THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM, THE LAWS OF GUAM, AND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE “GUAM PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION ACT OF 2025.”

If you are interested in participating in the Public Hearing to provide testimony, please contact the Office of Senator Telo T. Taitague via electronic mail at senatortelot@gmail.com or call (671) 989-8356.

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The hearing will broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117, and stream online via *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* live feed on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@GuamLegislatureMedia/streams>. A recording of the hearing will be available online via Guam Legislature Media on YouTube after the hearing.



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DRT Comments
Legislative Hearing
April 29, 2025

Bill 75-38 (COR)

This bill seeks to exempt non-resident active-duty service members and their dependents from Guam driver's licensing requirements if they already possess a valid operator's license from another U.S. jurisdiction.

Passage of this bill would remove for these individuals the current requirement either to switch out their out-of-Guam driver's licenses for Guam driver's licenses or to register their out-of-Guam driver's licenses with the Department, which would allow them to drive on Guam's highways for up to one year. As a result, the removal of this requirement should help to alleviate the workload of the Driver's License Examination Branch (DLEB) in switching out or registering out-of-Guam licenses and save on manpower hours for the agency.

Since DRT currently does not collect driver's license-related fees for non-resident active-duty service members and their spouses, the fiscal impact is expected to be minimal, as it would be limited to other dependents.

The bill, however, does raise some concern about the loss of contact information for this group, which DRT currently provides to law enforcement agencies on an as-needed basis in accordance with the Driver's Privacy Protection Act.

We also note that under the bill as written, active-duty service members and their dependents who have a valid operator's license from another U.S. jurisdiction would not be required to obtain a chauffeur's license in Guam, in addition to an operator's license. If this is the intent of the legislation, the department points out that a chauffeur's license is required to operate specialized vehicles and services, including limousines, taxicabs, buses, construction equipment, and other commercial vehicles. To obtain a chauffeur's license in Guam requires an applicant to be at least 18 years old and to pass both written and driving tests. The bill as drafted would ostensibly allow a simple driver's ("operator's") license from another U.S. jurisdiction to suffice as a chauffeur's license in Guam.

Bill 88-38 (COR)

This bill seeks to assess the taxation of vehicle title transfers on a notarized bill of sale only and streamlining vehicle ownership transfers.

DRT currently uses the Kelley Blue Book to determine vehicle values. The tool is owned by Kelley Blue Book Co., Inc., a vehicle valuation and automotive research company. It is the standard guide in automotive trade in determining car value and "provides a fair market range and fair purchase price, based on actual transactions of what others are paying for a

vehicle and adjusted regularly as market conditions change.” It is used by many entities, including courts, insurance companies, banks, and even car dealerships themselves. We believe that use of the Kelley Blue Book to determine vehicle valuations for transfer tax purposes is not only industry-standard, it constitutes a fair, independent, third-party standard.

DRT is a member of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA), a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization that develops model programs in motor vehicle administration, law enforcement and highway safety. It also serves as an information clearinghouse in these areas, and acts as the international spokesman for these interests.

AAMVA represents the state and provincial officials in the United States and Canada who administer and enforce motor vehicle laws. Its programs encourage uniformity and reciprocity among the states and provinces. The association also serves as a liaison with other levels of government and the private sector. Its development and research activities provide guidelines for more effective public service.

We reached out to AAMVA for its opinion on assessing valuation of vehicles for purposes vehicle title transfers. AAMVA’s Director of Vehicle Programs and Services responded to our inquiry by stating that motor vehicle agencies generally obtain this information through services such as Kelly Blue Book, Black Book, or NADA, the National Automobile Dealer’s Association. AAMVA’s opinion is that “having the buyer provide the sale price without requiring any evidence to support it causes significant fraud to occur in the titling process.”

Part of the bill mentions a correlation between the cost of title transfer fees to abandoned vehicles. Public Law 37-60 assesses a \$1000 fine to the last registered owner of an abandoned vehicle. We believe this will encourage vehicle transfers to be completed once sales have been made.

While the number of vehicles and their values vary, over the past three fiscal years, over an average of \$2.557 million has been collected yearly from an average of 15,000 transactions. Although it is difficult to calculate due to the uncertainty of what vehicle values through self-reported bills of sale may be, the effect on revenue could be substantial.

Guam Bill No. 75-38
Statement/Talking Points

- Thank you for the opportunity to attend this hearing regarding Guam's driver's license laws and Bill No. 75-38. We believe this bill is mutually beneficial and appreciate the opportunity to engage with you on this important issue.
- As you are aware, Territorial law requires all drivers to obtain a Guam driver's license within 30 days of arriving. Individuals may drive with a license from another jurisdiction within those 30 days, after which, they must obtain a Guam license and surrender their existing one. Violators of this provision may be fined up to \$500. However, unlike all other jurisdictions, Guam does not exempt Service members or their families present due to military orders.
- During those first 30 days on island, Service members join new commands. Spouses search for jobs. They look for housing and establish new daily routines for their families. A day in line at the Department of Motor Vehicles is an added stressor. And after surrendering their home license, they will need to repeat this process at their next duty station as well. More importantly, the law weakens connections to their actual residence. Each move attenuates the links to residency as properties are sold, account addresses change, and documents are redrafted in new jurisdictions. However, driver's licenses provide enduring proof of an individual's intent to return to their home state. Compliance with this law severs this tie with unknown future consequences related to voting, taxes, and estate planning.
- The current law also negatively affects Guam's residents. There are approximately 22,000 Service members and dependents in Guam. Every driver exchanging their license would drastically increase the workload for the Department of Motor Vehicles, consume finite government resources, and force Guam residents to wait longer for services. There are no benefits to offset these costs. No vision exams, driving tests, or any verification of the driver's abilities are included in the process. Additionally, in 2023, the Department of Revenue and Taxation suspended the collection of fees to comply with the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. Although the fiscal note for this bill states that the impact is unknown due to the lack available data, these licenses are produced and issued entirely at Guam's expense in time, money, and resources. The costs to Guam lie in not passing this bill.

Guam Bill No. 75-38
Statement/Talking Points

- It is not lost on us that historically Service members are not made to comply with this provision, and the Guam Police Department has not made enforcement against Service members or dependents a high priority. We appreciate this. However, as the military population grows, we do not believe maintaining the status quo is appropriate. Service members and their families strive to be good neighbors here on the island. We expect them to respect Guam's people, Guam's environment, and Guam's culture. Inherent in these expectations is a respect for ^{territorial} Guam's laws. Aligning Guam's licensing laws with other U.S. jurisdictions will facilitate this compliance and reduce the cost to Guam's residents.
- We also understand the need to generate revenue and maintain Guam's roads—roads that Service members and dependents also drive on daily. However, spouses' driver's licenses, which make up most of those we are addressing here, are already not generating revenue. They are costing you. Further, regardless of this bill, the majority of Service member's vehicles are registered here in Guam providing a source of revenue. And lastly, the DoD contributes hundreds of millions of dollars to Guam's roads as part of the Defense Access Roads program. It is fair to expect that Service members and their families contribute to the care and maintenance of the roads we also use. We believe that regardless of this bill, we have done and will continue to do so.
- In conclusion, we feel the prompt passage of Bill 75-38 eliminating the requirement for Service members and their dependents to obtain Guam driver's licenses provided that they maintain a valid license from another U.S. state or territory will be beneficial to military families, the Government of Guam, and Guam's residents. This bill makes good fiscal sense, and it extends the same treatment of Service members and their families here that the sons and daughters of Guam serving at any other installation in the United States receive there. We sincerely appreciate this opportunity to provide our perspective and welcome further collaboration on this issue.

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Attn: Senators

Re: Bill No. 75-38 (COR) – Frank F. Blas, Jr. – “AN ACT TO AMEND §3101(b) OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING NON-RESIDENT ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS FROM DRIVER’S LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.”

Hafa Adai Senators,

The proposed Bill speaks volumes to show support for our Active-Duty members serving here in Guam. This act of honoring our service members for their service is one that many other states have enacted as well. Ask many Veterans and they can recall that most duty stations had a similar law in effect in the states they were assigned to.

I am hopeful that the man hours saved at DMV is enough to offset the potential revenue lost from the driver’s license fees. In either case, it should help ease the burden of the processing times, further increasing productivity and better customer satisfaction at Guam DMV. Additionally, I am hopeful that any additional modifications to documents or processing at DMV are minimal and that only minimal training is required to update our men and women in the Guam Police Department.

If I may, please limit the scope of this benefit to those in Active-Duty status that have off island Drivers licenses or local citizens whose duty station is here in Guam. I believe the intent is to provide this benefit to those being assigned to Guam as a duty station from either another duty station or from their completion of Military Occupational Skills schools. There may be some arguments that state Reservists or Guardsmen/women who are on “Active Duty” Status should also qualify; however that is expanding the scope of what the true intent is for this Bill.

One question, if I may, what is to happen if the “Off-Island” drivers license is expired? Does this now require the service member to apply for the Guam Drivers’ License?

Thank you all for your time in honoring the men and women that serve our country and our island.



Roy Gamboa

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CH. 3 GENERAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 3
GENERAL PROVISIONS

2024 NOTE: Pursuant to 5 GCA § 1510, *I Maga'hågan/Maga'låhen Guåhan* means the “Governor of Guam” and *I Maga'håga/Maga'låhi* means the “Governor.” Pursuant to 2 GCA § 1101, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* means the “Guam Legislature” and *I Liheslatura* means the “Legislature.”

Article 1	Drivers Licenses
Article 1A	Graduated Drivers' Licenses
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Article 4	Parking
Article 5	Accidents
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Article 8	Aggressive Panhandling Act of 2013
Article 9	Plug-In Electric Vehicle Rebate Program Act

ARTICLE 1
DRIVERS LICENSES

§ 3101.	License: Requirement.
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§ 3101.3.	Voter Registration Incident to Applications for Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards, and Renewals of Same.
§ 3101.4.	Veterans Designation for Driver's Licenses, Identification Cards, and Renewals of Same.
§ 3102.	Same: Fees.
§ 3102.1.	Waiver of Motor Vehicle Driver's License Fees for Veterans and Extended Beneficiaries.
§ 3102.2.	Charges for Examiner Off-Duty Services.
§ 3102.3.	Payment.
§ 3102.4.	Examiner Off-Duty Services Fund.
§ 3102.5.	Outsource Road Test Examinations.
§ 3103.	Driver Education: Student Permits: Application.
§ 3104.	Same: Issuance.
§ 3105.	Same: Limitations.
§ 3106.	Same: Cancellation.
§ 3107.	Same: Instruction Permit.
§ 3108.	Instruction Permits: Alternative Provision.
§ 3109.	Prohibitions.
§ 3109.1.	Punishments.
§ 3110.	Same Penalty. [Repealed.]
§ 3111.	Same: Suspension and Revocation.
§ 3112.	Same: Same: Hearings.
§ 3113.	Public and Private Drivers Education Services.
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- § 3115. Licenses Issued to Organ Donors.
§ 3116. Publication.
§ 3117. Hearing/Speech Impaired, Driver's License Special Notation, Definitions.

§ 3101. License: Requirement.

(a) Unless expressly exempted under this Title, a person shall not drive a motor vehicle upon a highway without having in his immediate possession a valid operator's or chauffeur's license issued under this Title. An operator's license authorizes the licensee to drive as an operator only. A chauffeur's license authorizes the licensee to drive as an operator or as a chauffeur.

(b) A person employed by or in the service of the United States while operating a vehicle owned or controlled by the United States need not obtain an operator's or chauffeur's license.

(c) [No text]

(1) A person having in his immediate possession a valid operator's license or chauffeur's license issued by the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Japan, the Republic of China (Taiwan), countries of the European Union, Canada, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of the Philippines, or Australia may drive a motor vehicle upon the highways for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days from the date such person arrived on Guam. However, upon the expiration of such thirty (30) day period, such person must

(A) have been issued a Guam driver's license in order to continue driving on Guam, and

(B) be required to take a written test, and if that person passes the written test, then a driver's license shall be issued; provided however, if such person fails the written test twice, such person shall be required to complete a driver education seminar before being allowed to retake the test, which seminar must include at least eight (8) hours of classroom instruction and four (4) hours of in-car instruction, and must pass the required road test.

(2) An individual is entitled to take a written test only three (3) times pursuant to this Subsection, and to be issued a license under this Subsection, an individual must pass both the written and the road test.

(3) In addition, a person having in his immediate possession a temporary operator's or chauffeur's license issued under this Title may drive a motor vehicle upon the highways for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days, while the Guam Police Department is completing investigation and determination of all facts relative to the applicant's right to receive a license. Such temporary license is invalid when the applicant's license has been issued or refused.

(4) The thirty (30) days period herein may be extended for a period equal to the earlier of one (1) year from the date the licensee arrived on Guam or the expiration date of the out-of-Guam license, provided that the licensee

(A) registers his or her license with the Department of Revenue and Taxation, and

(B) pays a registration fee to the Treasurer of Guam not to exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25).

(C) Upon approval, the Director of Revenue and Taxation shall issue a Certificate of Registration that states

(i) the name and age of the licensee,

(ii) the expiration date of the Certificate, and

(iii) the licensee's number as an out-of-Guam licensee.



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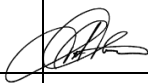
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Håfa Adai Committee Members,

Please see attached Committee Report on **Bill No. 75-38 (COR), As amended** by the Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Regulatory Affairs, Technology, Justice, Elections and Retirement- Introduced by Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr. – “AN ACT TO AMEND §3101(b) OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING NON-RESIDENT ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS FROM DRIVER’S LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.”

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Please submit your response **ASAP**. Your responses will be logged into the Committee Vote Sheet for **Bill No. 75-38 (COR), As Amended**. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse,

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 75-38 (COR) was introduced on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, by Speaker Frank Blas, Jr. **Bill No. 75-38 (COR)** was referred by the Committee on Rules to the Committee on *Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement*, on Friday, March 14, 2025. The Committee convened a public hearing on **Thursday, April 29, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Guam Congress Building, Public Hearing Room.

Public Notice Requirement:

In Compliance with Open Government Law, a five (5) day public notice of this hearing was published on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, and a forty-eight (48) hour notice was published on Friday, April 25, 2025, on KUAM-TV and on the Guam Public Notice Website. Notices were also sent to all senators, and all main media broadcasting outlets via email on the same dates.

Senators Present:

Senator Telo Taitague, Chairperson
Speaker Frank Blas, Jr.
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada
Senator Shawn Gumataotao

Appearing Before the Senate Panel:

Marie Lizama, Director, Department of Revenue & Taxation
Juan Carlos Benetiz
Captain Matthew Vondrasek, Attorney, United States Air Force
Jose San Agustin, Director, Guam Office of Veterans Affairs
Karl Espaldon, Legal Counsel, Department of Revenue & Taxation
Art Meno, Supervisor, Driver's License Branch, Department of Revenue & Taxation
Michael San Agustin, Department of Revenue & Taxation

Written Testimony Submitted:

Maria Lizama, Director, Department of Revenue & Taxation

Captain Matthew Vondrasek, Attorney, United States Air Force

Roy Gamboa, Chairperson, Guam Veteran's Commission

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The Public Hearing was Called-to-Order at 5:30pm. *Bill No. 75-38(COR) - AN ACT TO AMEND §3101(b) OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING NON-RESIDENT ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS FROM DRIVER'S LICENSING REQUIREMENTS* was the third item on the agenda.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: We are back from our short recesses. Thank you so much for being patient. We are on the last bill of the evening. Okay. And it's Bill 75-38(COR) introduced by our Speaker Frank Blas. It's AN ACT TO AMEND §3101(b) OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING NON-RESIDENT ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS FROM DRIVER'S LICENSING REQUIREMENTS. And at this time I'd like to introduce and have an opening, our Speaker with this bill. You're recognized.

SPEAKER FRANK BLAS JR.: Thank you very much, Madam Chair, and thank you for my colleagues for sticking around. Okay, I know it's late. but also thank you for the panel for as you come aboard, I'm sure you can introduce yourselves. Bill 75-38 (COR) very simple bill what it would provide is actually to come into better compliance with the UCR codes with regard to service individuals. I want to be politically correct. Okay, as well as their spouses and their dependents. And what this bill basically provides is an amendment to what is currently statute. That provides that first off - an individual who is an active-duty member of the military and their dependents, be able to provide, to utilize their driver's licenses from their home of record or the state in lieu of being able to have to reapply for a driver's license on Guam. And I know there's going to be some discussion with regards to, you know, what happens if it's expired or what happens if there's special... as is with our current statutes driver's license, there are the different classifications of the driver's license.



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I want to thank first off Mr. Juan Carlos Benitez as well as the military command, Joint Region Marianas and Joint Task Force Micronesia, for basically bringing this to our attention. I look forward to the conversations and the discussions that we'll have to make this bill a better bill, to be able to be brought to the floor. So, with that, thank you very much, Madam Chair, for the opportunity to speak and I look forward to their testimony.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome, Speaker Blas. Also, a fiscal note was provided on March 17, 2025. Also, legal counsel has reviewed the legislation with no recommended changes or amendments at this time. Invitations were sent to the Department of Revenue Taxation, Office of Veterans Affairs, Juan Carlos Benitez, and the Guam Veterans Commission Chair, Roy Gamboa to attend this meeting. And at this time, we have in front of us, the Department of Revenue and Taxation, Maria Lizama, who's here. We also have Matthew Vondrasek, and of course Juan Carlos Benitez and of course our Director from Guam Veterans, Mr. Joseph San Agustin. Thank you so much for being here everyone at the panel. And at this time, we will open up for comments and testimony. Maria you are recognized.

MARIE LIZAMA, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION (DRT):

Thank you Madam Chair. For bill...My name is Marie Lizama, the Director of the Department of Revenue and Taxation, which oversees the Driver's License Examination Branch. Bill 75-38 (COR) seeks to exempt non-resident active-duty service members and their dependents from Guam driver's licensing requirements if they already possess a valid operator's license from another U.S. jurisdiction. Passage of this bill would remove for these individuals, the current requirement either to switch out their out of Guam driver's licenses for a Guam driver's licenses or to register their out of Guam driver's licenses with the Department which would allow them to drive on Guam's highways for up to one year.

As a result, the removal of this requirement should help to alleviate the workload of the DMV in switching out or registering out of Guam licenses and save on manpower hours for the agency. Since DRT currently does not collect driver's license related fees for non-resident active-duty service members and their spouses, the fiscal impact is expected to be minimal as it would be limited to other dependents.

The bill however does raise some concern about the loss of contact information for this group which DRT currently provides to law enforcement agencies on an as needed basis in accordance with the driver's privacy protection act. We also note that under the bill as written, active-duty service members and their dependents who have a valid operator's license from another US jurisdiction would not be required to obtain a chauffeur's license in Guam in addition to an operator's license. If this is the intent of the legislation, the department points out that a chauffeur's license is required to operate specialized vehicles and services, including limousines, taxi cabs, buses, construction equipment, and other commercial vehicles. To obtain a chauffeur's license in Guam requires an applicant to be at least 18 years old and to pass both written and driving tests. The bill as drafted would ostensibly allow a simple driver's operator's license from another jurisdiction to suffice as a chauffeur's license in Guam. And that is our testimony.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you so much, Maria. Next, I'd like to hear from Juan Carlos. You are recognized. Thank you.

JUAN CARLOS BENETIZ: Thank you, Chairperson for inviting us to participate and talk about this legislation. Thank you, Speaker for introducing the piece of legislation. This is wonderful news and we want to alleviate a concern that has been happening here in Guam with the amount of time that it takes to get driver's license at the Revenue and Tax and the economic weight to our local economy. When you look at the amount of military personnel presently stationed in Guam, it's around 10,000 enlisted plus around 5,000 dependents.

When you look at by 2037, we're looking at doubling that population. Those rotations are two years and three-year rotations depending if you come to a company or own a company. So, every two years you would be having a massive amount of people having to go to the Rev & Tax to get the driver's license which under federal law and present statute that Guam doesn't collect any revenues from.

So, it only adds to the wear and tear of the equipment that we have here and to the lengthy lines that we have to all go through that live here in Guam and consider Guam to be their home. With that, I do have here with me legal counsel and captain, I don't want to butcher his last name, but from, who's the JAG for the Air Force judge, advocate for the US Air Force here in Guam. So, he'll go to the specifics of the legislation. But for me this does a really good service for Guam in accelerating and facilitating to the community that lives here to get access to their driver's license in a more expedient manner at the same time that it saves government money to go Guam



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in the ink and the equipment that has to be used to produce all this driver's license regularly every year.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you Juan Carlos. Captain, please state your name and what branch of government.

CAPT. MATTHEW VONDRASEK, ATTORNEY, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE:

Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. I'm Captain Matthew Vondrasek. I represent the United States Air Force Department. I'm also here kind of speaking on behalf of the Navy Department as well. They asked me to step in. We're all on the same page on this, so we're providing joint testimony. But Madam Chair, we believe this bill is beneficial mutually to both, GovGuam and to our service members here on island. As you were all aware, territorial law requires all drivers to obtain a Guam driver's license within 30 days of arriving. Individuals may drive with a license from another jurisdiction within those 30 days, after which they must obtain a Guam driver's license and surrender their existing one. Violations of this provision is \$500.

However, unlike most other jurisdictions in the United States, Guam does not exempt service members or their families present due to military orders. So, from the perspective of service members, during those first 30 days on island, service members are in a new unit, spouses are searching for jobs, they're looking for housing, and trying to establish new daily routines for their families. So, taking a day off work or going down to Rev & Tax to the Department of Motor Vehicles, is an added stressor on top of that. Surrendering their home license, they'll have to repeat this process at their next duty station as well when they move in two to three or five years.

More importantly, the law weakens connections to their actual home, permanent residence. Each move attenuates the links to residency as properties are sold, account addresses changed, and documents are redrafted in new jurisdictions. However, that driver's license provides the enduring proof of an individual's intent to return to their permanent residence

Compliance with this law as it is, without this bill, creates future unknown consequences related to voting, taxation, and estate planning. As Mr. Benitez has also said, the current law also negatively affects Guam residents. There's approximately give or take, 22,000 service members and dependents on Guam. And every one of those

drivers exchanging their license would increase the workload for the folks at Rev and Tax and Department of Motor Vehicles, consuming government resources and forcing Guam residents to wait in longer service lines as well. There's no benefit to offset these costs because when one is surrendering that license there's no vision exam, driving test or verification of driver's abilities because they're surrendering a current license.

Additionally in 2023 the Department of Revenue and Taxation suspended the collection of fees to comply with the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. Although the fiscal note for this bill states that the impact is unknown due to the lack of available data, licenses are produced and issued entirely at Guam's expense, in time, money, and resources.

We'd also say, Madam Chair, that it's not lost on us that historically service members are not made to comply with this provision and Guam Police Department has not made enforcing that against service members a high priority. We appreciate that. However, as the military population grows, we do not believe that maintaining the status quo would be appropriate. Service members and their families strive to be good neighbors here on the island. We expect and demand that they respect Guam's people, Guam's environment, and Guam's culture. Inherent in that expectation is a respect for territorial law. Aligning Guam's licensing laws with other jurisdictions will facilitate this compliance and reduce the cost to Guam's residents.

We also understand the need to generate revenue and maintain Guam's roads. Roads that service members and their dependents also drive on daily. However, spouse's driver's licenses, which make up the majority of what we're addressing here, the spouse's independence, is already not generating revenue because that is what's been waved.

It's costing it. So, further regardless of this bill, the majority of service members' vehicles are registered here on Guam, providing that source of revenue. And lastly, the DoD contributes hundreds of millions of dollars to Guam's roads as part of the Defense Access Roads Program. It's fair to expect that service members and their families contribute to the care and maintenance of the roads we also use. We believe that regardless of this bill, we have done so and we will continue to do so.

In conclusion, we feel that the prompt passage of Bill 75-38, eliminating the requirement for service members, and their dependents to obtain Guam driver's licenses, provided that they maintain a valid license from another US state or territory, will be beneficial to military families, the Government of Guam, and Guam's residents. The bill makes good fiscal sense and it extends the same treatment of service members and their families here, that the sons and daughters of Guam serving in the armed forces at any other installation in the United States would receive there. We sincerely appreciate the



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opportunity to provide our perspective and welcome further collaboration on this issue. Thank you, ma'am.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome, Captain. If you can please, I have a copy of your testimony. However, it doesn't have your name on it or anything to indicate it.

CAPT. MATTHEW VONDRASEK, ATTORNEY, UNITED STATE AIR FORCE: I'm sure we can get that to you, ma'am.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Yeah, and probably just work with my staff to get your email and then send it to me and then we'll incorporate it with your name on it so that we know who this testimony is coming from.

CAPT. MATTHEW VONDRASEK, ATTORNEY, UNITED STATE AIR FORCE AND NAVY: Yes, Ma'am, Certainly. Sure.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: I appreciate your time. Thank you. And Director San Agustin, you are recognized, sir. Would you like to testify?

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN, DIRECTOR, GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS:

Madam Speaker, yes. Good afternoon, Speaker Blas, Vice Speaker Ada, and Honorable Senator Shawn Gumataotao. I am here this afternoon in support of this bill. I am, first of all, the Director of the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs and as you all know I'm a retired military of 30 years. I always and will always support our veterans and our active-duty personnel and their family. The spirit and the intent of this bill I'm in full support of. I want to make sure, make clear, though, that the bill, when it becomes law, provides protection for the island and the people that live here, but also protection for the active-duty personnel and their family. These are active-duty personnel that are given orders from all different states and territories to be stationed here in Guam.

I would like the members here to be very mindful that these individuals are service members and family members that are here protecting our community, protecting our island.

I like the idea of ensuring that they could maintain their state driver's license. But I will also say this, that it now becomes the responsibility of the gate guard and their

organization unit commanders to make sure that those driver's licenses are valid. So how do they do that as they're entering the gate and as they're exiting? Because definitely we won't be doing it now, right? We're allowing them to be able to go online and renew their own driver's license. So, in good faith, I support this bill to allow the service members, active-duty service members and their dependents for the waiver of their driver's license and to maintain their state driver's license. And if anything, we must implement our own driver's license requirement. I will say that those fees will be waived as well.

These individuals, like I said, were assigned here on duty. They're here for one, two, three, four, five years. Some of them are here because they want to be here. Some of them receive orders and they have to execute. So as good citizens, good residents of Guam, we look after our active-duty service members and their families and make sure that we do due diligence to take good care of them as well. They mention paving the road. They mention revenue generating. The least we could do is waive the fee, no charge because daily they go to our supermarkets, they go to our restaurant and do generate revenues from there. So, with that said, madam, I thank you for this bill. I look forward to this bill being both advantageous for our community and our active-duty personnel. And these are our future veterans. I thank you very much for allowing me to speak. Thank you.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome, Director. It's always good to see you. At this time, I'd like to recognize if there's no one else, I think we covered everybody. Marie, your team is good? Okay, at this time, I'd like to open up for the Speaker to ask his questions.

SPEAKER FRANK BLAS JR.: Thank you very much, Madam Chair, and thank you very much for the testimony. And while it may seem like there's an impasse, I think that right now amongst us here, I think we can find a happy medium and to address some of the concerns that you have as long as we address the concerns that we all have here. You know, in looking at the statute and everything, it basically calls to replace the verbiage that says a person employed by or in the service of the United States while operating a vehicle owned or controlled by the United States need not obtain an operator's chauffeur's license. Actually, there's later statute that directly addresses military service personnel. And, I guess the concern here as is pointed out, Ms. Lizama, one of the concerns that you had here was with regards to the difference between the operator and the chauffeur's license. I don't think that the original intent of the legislation basically wanted to lump both of them in at the same time. It's very specific here that an operator or chauffeur's license which means to operate a car, you need an



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operator's license but to operate a bus you better have a chauffeur's license. I think that's pretty much evident anywhere.

So, I think it would help first off if the language was tightened to provide that if it is in fact a chauffeur's license, you have to have an equivalent to a chauffeur's license from the area, the other jurisdiction of where the license came from.

MARIE LIZAMA, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION (DRT):
Yes, Sir.

SPEAKER FRANK BLAS JR.: Okay. That's an easy add to this. Are you in agreement with that?

CAPT. MATTHEW VONDRASEK, ATTORNEY, UNITED STATE AIR FORCE We're in agreement.

SPEAKER FRANK BLAS JR.: Okay see, that is one issue that is off. I think another issue that we we're able to address here is ... and I agree. Now you remember coming from a law enforcement background I appreciate and I see the value. And as Mr. San Agustin had basically alluded to, I mean I'm sure that within the commands you have some command and control with regards to who's able to drive on your bases, in your installations and what kind of license they have. Is that correct?

CAPT. MATTHEW VONDRASEK, ATTORNEY, UNITED STATE AIR FORCE:
That's correct, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER FRANK BLAS JR.: Is there a possibility of being able to work with the Department of Revenue and Taxation and share that information so that they have that as in their database?

CAPT. MATTHEW VONDRASEK, ATTORNEY, UNITED STATE AIR FORCE:
Certainly, sir. Yes.

SPEAKER FRANK BLAS JR.: Will that help to satisfy that?

MARIE LIZAMA, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION (DRT):
Yes, Sir.

SPEAKER FRANK BLAS JR.: Problem solved. Problem solved. Okay, so I think there are ways to be able to and I appreciate the concerns that were brought and being able to marry the two so that we can come to some resolution and being able to address the concerns that you have there. I agree and I'm sure that everybody agrees here because other than your operator's license and your chauffeur's license there's people... like I have a motorcycle license and we want to make sure that the individuals who are operating you know the vehicles have the proper training and license to be able to operate that. Am I correct Ms. Lizama?

MARIE LIZAMA, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION (DRT): Yes, you are.

SPEAKER FRANK BLAS JR.: Okay. So, if we can get to that so that we be specific that if or just because you have an out of state driver's license doesn't give you the ability, it's not a *carte blanche* to be able to operate any type of vehicle you want to be able to operate as well. Okay. So, will that help to satisfy the concerns that you have?

MARIE LIZAMA, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION (DRT): Yes, it will.

SPEAKER FRANK BLAS JR.: Thank you. Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you so much, Speaker. I do have a question though. When a service member's driver's license expires would they have to go through the process to renew it on Guam? Correct?

CAPT. MATTHEW VONDRASEK, UNITED STATE AIR FORCE: Certainly, Madam Chair. Everyone has to have a valid current driver's license wherever that may come from. They may not let that expire.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Okay. So, they would have to go to Rev and Tax and follow the procedures.

CAPT. MATTHEW VONDRASEK, ATTORNEY, UNITED STATE AIR FORCE AND NAVY: Yes, ma'am.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Vice Speaker Tony, you're recognized.

VICE SPEAKER TONY ADA: Yeah. Perhaps the only question I would have is when we say dependent, are we talking about the spouse or the children as well?



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CAPT. MATTHEW VONDRASEK, ATTORNEY, UNITED STATE AIR FORCE: So, Senator, although the bill kind of differentiates between a spouse and a dependent under looking at it for the military, those are both the same thing. But the bill does clarify that it would cover both spouses and a dependent of a person who is on active duty.

VICE SPEAKER TONY ADA: Yeah, I understand because it says dependent spouse or dependent children, right? So, are we including dependent children as well on this piece of legislation?

CAPT. MATTHEW VONDRASEK, ATTORNEY, UNITED STATE AIR FORCE AND NAVY: Yes, sir. That is included in the bill as is.

VICE SPEAKER TONY ADA: Okay. So even dependent children, are their fees waived from this?

KARL ESPALDON, LEGAL COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION (DRT): Under current law dependent children fees are not waived. Thank you.

VICE SPEAKER TONY ADA: That's what I wanted to clarify. When we say dependent are we saying dependent spouse or dependent children or are we just making it one because if the dependent children are not covered on the waiver of fees and it's just the spouse, then are we going to keep to that or are we going to include the dependent children as well?

KARL ESPALDON, LEGAL COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION (DRT): I think with respect to fees, I think there would not be any fees assessed to anybody anymore. You know what would happen in respect to fees, I think what the Director was talking about is we would lose or we would forgo any fees that we would normally charge to dependent children because right now we're not charging driver's license fees to the active-duty military member or their spouses because of law. And so, I guess if they can use their driver's licenses from other jurisdictions, they're not even going to come into DRT anymore, from what we understand. And so, we won't be assessing any fees.

VICE SPEAKER TONY ADA: Okay? Because, you know, Guam, we have our graduated driver's license, right? So, if they have a driver's license in a different state that still requires our graduated... I mean that's why I'm saying, how are we going to? Do we just reciprocate completely?

ART MENO, SUPERVISOR, DRIVER'S LICENSE BRANCH, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION (DRT): That's correct for the graduated process. My name is Art Meno, the supervisor for driver license. What it is, is if a minor comes in with ... the only license that we could switch out to pick up a Guam license will be a full operator license, right? Let's say they come in and they're still going through the graduate process, they will not honor that. They will have to go with the local graduated process. They need to see the local driving approved schools and go through that process.

VICE SPEAKER TONY ADA: Yeah. Okay, that's what I just wanted for clarification, right? Just so that we're very clear what we're doing so that there's no misunderstandings if a GPD officer pulls over a military dependent and there's no questions as to the legality of their driver's license from out of state and things of that nature.

MARIE LIZAMA, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION (DRT): And Vice Speaker, if I may. So, we just wanted to, point of clarification, that this is assuming the dependent already has a driver's license from another jurisdiction. If they don't have one, they're going to have to go through that process as Mr. Meno mentioned, right?

VICE SPEAKER TONY ADA: Okay.

MARIE LIZAMA, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION (DRT): Go through the process here in Guam.

VICE SPEAKER TONY ADA: Okay. That's great. Okay. That's the only question I had. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome, Vice Speaker. Senator Gumataotao, you're recognized.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: Thank you, Madam Chair. And first off, thank you to Director San Agustin for being with us at Rev and Tax's team. Appreciate you. Juan Carlos it is always good to see you. And captain, thank you for your service to our country. I only have one question and I'm not sure this might be a little bit different but



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it's kind of a continuation of our conversation a bit earlier. But for the record if Bill 75-38 (COR) is enacted as drafted what implications if any does the policy proposal have on the portability of registration documents and insurance policies for vehicles that are brought into Guam and are operated by the same individuals whose driver's licenses would be covered by this bill.

CAPT. MATTHEW VONDRASEK, ATTORNEY, UNITED STATE AIR FORCE: So, Senator, I'll let Rev and Tax kind of speak to that, but generally speaking, we see this as a vehicle would still have to be properly insured and insurance that is valid in Guam. And in terms of vehicle registration, they would have to have the proper registration here in the territory of Guam on the vehicle.

VICE SPEAKER TONY ADA: They're not covered by the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act or for vehicles, no?

CAPT. MATTHEW VONDRASEK, UNITED STATE AIR FORCE: So, Senator, when they bring a car here that they're exempted, but once that registration on that car expires, they would have to then renew it here within the territory, or renew it within their home state.

MARIE LIZAMA, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION (DRT): No, I'm sorry. We don't have, I mean, do we have information? Yeah. Not for... Oh, he's here. I'm sorry. Can you repeat the question so we can have Mr. San Agustin answer that properly?

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: No problem. I'm just looking at it. It's just about the portability of registration documents and insurance policies for vehicles that are brought into Guam and are operated by the person or the operator whose driver's license will be covered under this.

MICHAEL SAN AGUSTIN, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION (DRT): It shouldn't make a difference as far as the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act, which is, which basically if a service member's car if he comes from like say Hawaii last duty station and the vehicle is still current until let's take example next year, he can register that vehicle under Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act. Meaning that, the government will not charge them any fees because they already had paid those fees in Hawaii under

that that act. They are allowed but they must register the vehicle in Guam. They must register it and what we do is once they meet all the requirements we provide them a sticker, Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act sticker. That sticker is to be placed on the front windshield of the driver's side of the vehicle. We give them a Guam registration to accompany the state registration. So, in the event they get pulled over by local law enforcement, they'll look at the sticker and know that the vehicle is registered in Guam under the Civil Service Relief Act. But that has no impact on this bill as far as the driver's license is concerned.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: Yeah, that's what I was asking.

MICHAEL SAN AGUSTIN, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION (DRT): Yeah, it doesn't.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: I guess for me what I'm trying to avoid is we make the change and if there's any issues that might come up, we're going to have to come back here and make a change again.

MICHAEL SAN AGUSTIN, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION (DRT): I believe it won't affect that as far as the vehicle registration is concerned.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: Yeah, that was my only question just in case of any conflict. Thank you, Madam Chair, for allowing me to ask the question. Appreciate it.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome. Just running on that question... Once it expires, so he comes from Hawaii and the registration that he got in Hawaii doesn't expire for another 6 months. Then he's obligated to go to Rev and Tax and pay a registration fee and follow through with that. Correct?

MICHAEL SAN AGUSTIN, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION (DRT): Yes. So, the Relief Act allows them to use the current registration until it expires. Now, when it expires, he has two options; either he registered in his state of residence or he has to switch to Guam. So that would be the choice of the serviceman.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: So, he has a choice.

MICHAEL SAN AGUSTIN, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION (DRT): Yes.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Okay.



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MICHAEL SAN AGUSTIN, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION (DRT): But he has to provide us with the registration from his state of residence. It has to be active prior to him coming.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: But of course, we want them to register on Guam so we can collect the fees.

MICHAEL SAN AGUSTIN, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION (DRT): Yeah, majority of them will switch over to Guam.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: All right. Okay. Well, I really don't have any other questions. You know, I've looked at this actually in the 35th Guam legislature when it was brought to my attention about this and we were still tweaking some areas of it. But I appreciate you continuing to find ways to help our servicemen here, those who protect our island and keep our island safe. I greatly appreciate it. And of course, with our veterans, too. We do everything we can to ensure that we thank them for all that they do for our island and for our country and I appreciate everyone who's here to testify this afternoon. I would like the Speaker to close on this legislation.

SPEAKER FRANK BLAS JR.: Thank you very much Madam Chair. Thank you very much for all who are here. I think that we were able to resolve some of the major issues, but I just need to be able to nail down a concern that was brought on by the Vice Speaker here with regards to graduated driver's licenses and with dependent children. You know, first off, that would be very rare that you're going to have a dependent child get a driver's license or have a driver's license. But in the case that they do get the driver's license and it is graduated and it's a graduated type system, this does not preclude, just so that you know, it does not preclude if the dependent child now has received... is of the age of receiving the driver's license before they can drive. They got to get a Guam driver's license while they're here. Okay? I just want to make that very, very clear. This does not preclude or doesn't exclude them from being able to get it. Even if it's a graduated driver's license from out of state or another jurisdiction, that is not generally recognized on Guam. Okay. It is the full-blown, you can drive by yourself all alone with a driver's license. That is what we're talking about. Is that the understanding? Okay.

JUAN CARLOS BENETIZ: That is our understanding.

SPEAKER FRANK BLAS JR.: Okay. Is that your satisfaction?

MARIE LIZAMA, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION (DRT):
Yes.

SPEAKER FRANK BLAS JR.: Problem solved. Thank you very much. Thank you, Madam Chair.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome, Speaker. If there are no further questions or comments, this concludes our discussion on Bill 75-38 (COR) as well as all the other bills we heard today: Bill No. 97-38 (COR), Bill No. 33-38 (COR), and Bill No. 88-38 9COR). My office will continue to accept written testimony on today's hearing within five business days from today, which may be mailed to my office at 238 Archbishop Floor Street, Suite 407 of the DNA building in Hagåtña.

You may also send written testimonies to my office via senatoratelot@gmail.com.

Thank you for all your participation. Those who are watching, good evening, have a good dinner and create a great evening. The time now is 6:02 p.m. Thank you. We are adjourned.

MARIE LIZAMA, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION (DRT):
Thank you.

Public Hearing Adjourned at: 6:02 pm.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- Bill No. 75-38 (COR) proposes to exempt non-resident active-duty service members and their dependents from Guam driver's licensing requirements if they possess valid operator's licenses from other U.S. jurisdictions, aiming to align Guam's laws with other U.S. Territories and States.
- Speaker Frank Blas Jr. emphasized the bill's intent to reduce administrative burdens for service members and their families, allowing them to retain their home state licenses without needing to reapply in Guam.
- Marie Lizama, Director of Department of Revenue & Taxation, highlighted that the bill would alleviate DMV workload, save manpower hours, and have minimal fiscal impact since fees for active-duty service members and spouses are already waived.
- Captain Matthew Vondrasek from the U.S. Air Force and also representing the Department of the Navy supported the bill, citing the stress reduction for service



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members during relocations and the preservation of their home state residency connections for voting, taxation, and estate planning purposes.

- Concerns were raised about the loss of contact information for law enforcement and the need for clarity on chauffeur's licenses for specialized vehicles, which were addressed by agreeing to tighten the bill's language to specify requirements for such licenses.
- Vice Speaker Tony Ada raised concerns about dependent children with graduated driver's licenses from other states, questioning whether Guam would honor such licenses. Art Meno, Supervisor of the Driver's License Branch, clarified that Guam would not honor out-of-state graduated licenses, requiring minors to go through Guam's local graduated licensing process.
- Speaker Blas Jr. confirmed that dependent children must obtain Guam driver's licenses if their out-of-state licenses are not full operator licenses, ensuring compliance with local laws.

A Committee Markup Meeting was held on May 6, 2025 to address public hearing and additional concerns and recommendations. Bill 75-38 (COR) was amended, as follows:

- To specify that individuals with out-of-state licenses be exempted from having to apply for the equivalent license they have. "...operator's or license with similar endorsement" was applied to sections 1 and 2.
- The Committee decided to strike out Section 1, which referred to individuals "employed by or in the service of the United States."

The Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement hereby reports our **Bill No. 75-38 (COR)**, As Amended- Introduced by Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr. – *"AN ACT TO AMEND §3101(b) OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING NON-RESIDENT ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS"*

Committee Report Digest

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Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

YouTube Link: https://www.youtube.com/live/i_OpqEA4qTU?si=YiL71X_KrxX7jz-g

*FROM DRIVER'S LICENSING REQUIREMENTS," with the
recommendation*

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Bill No. 75-38 (COR)

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5 **Section 2. Severability.** If any of the provisions of this Act or the application thereof
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March 17, 2025

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

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

Subject: **Fiscal Note for Bill No. 75-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 75-38 (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
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 75-38 (COR)

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Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Department of Revenue and Taxation (DRT)	Dept./Agency Head: Lizama, Marie P., Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$14,837,221
	<u>\$2,898,268</u>
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$17,735,489

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation

	General Fund:	Special Fund:	Total:
FY 2024 Unreserved Fund Balance	\$0	\$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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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| 1. Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? | | // Yes | /X/ No |
| If Yes, see attachment | | | |
| 2. 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 | | |
| 3. Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? | | // Yes | /X/ No |
| If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? | /X/ N/A | // Yes | // No |
| Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? | | // Yes | /X/ No |
| 4. Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? | | // Yes | /X/ No |
| 5. Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? | If no, indicate reason: | /X/ Yes | // No |
| /X/ Requested agency comments not received by due date: DRT | | // Other | |

Analyst: <u>Raymond Rieta, BMA IV</u>	Date: <u>3/17/25</u>	Director: <u>Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director</u>	Date: <u>MAR 17 2025</u>
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Notes:

^{1/} See Additional Comments.

Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Comments on Bill No. 75-38 (COR)

Bill No. 75-38 proposes to exempt non-resident active-duty service members and their dependents from driver's license requirements.

Information was obtained from the reported revenues generated from all driver's licenses issued, as part of the Guam Highway Fund (GHF), during the past five (5) fiscal years from FY20 through FY24, see below:

**Driver's Licenses
Revenues**

Fiscal Years	Revenues
FY2020	\$612,151
FY2021	\$704,404
FY2022	\$1,106,498
FY2023	\$958,872
FY2024	\$926,124

It should be noted that the above information indicates the total revenues generated from the issuance of Guam driver's licenses by the DRT, as there currently isn't a specific revenue category relative to driver's licenses for active-duty service members and their dependents. The exemption of Guam driver's licenses for this demographic may have the potential to reduce GHF revenues upon enactment of this legislation. However, absent revenue amounts generated from driver's licenses issued specifically to active-duty service members and their dependents, as well as comment from the DRT whether the passage of the Bill would fiscally impact the department's current operations, the Bureau is unable to ascertain the fiscal impact of this proposed legislation.