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✓	38GL-26-1934	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 138-38 (COR), lapsed into law as Public Law No. 38-94.
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✓	38GL-26-1939	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 202-38 (COR), lapsed into law as Public Law No. 38-99.
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✓	38GL-26-1941	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 217-38 (COR), lapsed into law as Public Law No. 38-101.
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✓	38GL-26-1943	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 240-38 (LS), lapsed into law as Public Law No. 38-103.
✓	38GL-26-1944	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 79-38 (COR), lapsed into law as Public Law No. 38-104.
✓	38GL-26-1945	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 251-38 (COR), lapsed into law as Public Law No. 38-105.

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Fri, Feb 13, 2026 at 4:56 PM

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Received, and thank you.

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February 13, 2026

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FEB 13 2026

Time: 1:00 pm
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Buenas yan Håfa adai Speaker,

Pursuant to Rule III, Section 3.01 of *I Otden Areklamento, I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* Attached, you will find the letter titled “Notice of Lapse of Bills into Law Pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam.” This document was formally sent to *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* on February 12, 2026, following the relevant communications received from *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* on February 11, 2026.

hu agradezi,

FRANK F. BLAS, JR.
Speaker

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February 12, 2026

The Hon. Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor
Office of the Governor of Guam
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex
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RE: Notice of Lapse of Bills into Law Pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam

Håfa Adai Maga'hågan,

Please be advised that the Bills were transmitted to your office on January 29, 2026, at 7:04 p.m. On February 11, 2026, you returned the following bills without your signature:

Bill No 79-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZZE *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN* TO SELL A PORTION OF BLOCK 8 IN NEW AGAT DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 8 PARK AREA AND TO DEPOSIT THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE INTO THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUVEY FUND."

Bill 251-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 31101 OF CHAPTER 31, DIVISION 4, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMPOSITION TO ENHANCE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION."

You also returned the following bills with your signature dated February 11, 2026:

Bill No. 138-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 7.58 OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 7, TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO HOLDING PERSONS CRIMINALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CRIMES COMMITTED AFTER KNOWINGLY, WILLINGLY OR INTENTIONALLY CONSUMING ALCOHOL AND OTHER SUBSTANCES BY REPEALING THE LIMITATIONS OF THE INTOXICATION DEFENSE."

Bill No. 150-38 (LS), "AN ACT TO REZONE LOT NO. 5228-R4-R2-1 (PORTION) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARRIGADA FROM AGRICULTURAL ("A") TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ("M-1")."

Bill No. 162-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 19.50 OF CHAPTER 19, TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ADDING FINES AND STRONGER PENALTIES FOR TERRORISTIC CONDUCT INCLUDING BOMB SCARE THREATS."

Bill No. 169-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING GUAM COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AS AN AUTONOMOUS AGENCY."

Bill No. 195-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 849.18 TO CHAPTER 8, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO RENAMING THE GEORGE WASHINGTON FOOTBALL FIELD AS THE LORING SANTOS CRUZ FIELD."

Bill No. 202-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 56 TO DIVISION 5 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE 'GUAM VETERANS HIGHER EDUCATION BENEFITS ACT.'"



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Bill No. 215-38 (COR), “AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (e) TO § 21103 OF CHAPTER 21, DIVISION 2, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO WAIVING SANITARY PERMIT FEES FOR STUDENT SUPPORT FUNDRAISERS.”

Bill No. 217-38 (COR), “AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 70124 TO CHAPTER 70, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING LICENSED ELECTRICIANS TO CONDUCT WEATHERHEAD INSPECTIONS AND CERTIFICATION.”

Bill No. 235-38 (COR), “AN ACT TO AMEND § 58D108 OF CHAPTER 58, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, AND TO AMEND SECTION 8 OF CHAPTER I OF PUBLIC LAW 38-60, RELATIVE TO FINANCING AND PREDEVELOPMENT STAGE EXPENSES FOR THE SIMON A. SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT.”

Bill No. 240-38 (LS), “AN ACT TO AMEND § 61309, ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 61, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ADDING TEMPORARY WORKFORCE HOUSING AS A PERMITTED USE FOR M1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONES.”

The Organic Act also requires the Governor to sign all bills the Governor intends to approve within ten days of its presentation. Bill No. 138-38 (COR), Bill No. 150-38 (LS), Bill No. 162-38 (COR), Bill No. 169-38 (COR), Bill No. 195-38 (COR), Bill No. 202-38 (COR), Bill No. 215-38 (COR), Bill No. 217-38 (COR), Bill No. 235-38 (COR) and Bill No. 240-38 (LS) were approved and dated February 11, 2026, after the tenth day of presentation to you.

Therefore, Bill No. 138-38 (COR) is lapsed into law as **Public Law 38-94**, Bill No. 150-38 (LS) is lapsed into law as **Public Law 38-95**, Bill No. 162-38 (COR) is lapsed into law as **Public Law 38-96**, Bill No. 169-38 (COR) is lapsed into law as **Public Law 38-97**, Bill No. 195-38 (COR) is lapsed into law as **Public Law 38-98**, Bill No. 202-38 (COR) is lapsed into law as **Public Law 38-99**, Bill No. 215-38 (COR) is lapsed into law as **Public Law 38-100**, Bill No. 217-38 (COR) is lapsed into law as **Public Law 38-101**, Bill No. 235-38 (COR) is lapsed into law as **Public Law 38-102** and Bill No. 240-38 (LS) is lapsed into law as **Public Law 38-103**, respectively as of February 11, 2026.

In addition, the Organic Act of Guam requires the Governor to return all bills to the legislature in which the Governor does not intend to approve within ten days of its presentation. Bill No 79-38 (COR) and Bill 251-38 (COR) were returned unsigned on February 11, 2026, and after the tenth day of presentation to you.

Therefore, Bill 79-38 (COR) is lapsed into law as **Public Law 38-104** and Bill 251-38 (COR) is lapsed into law as **Public Law 38-105**, respectively, on February 11, 2026.

Enclosures: Twelve (12) Certification Pages

Si Yu'os Ma'ase',

FRANK F. BLAS, JR.
Speaker



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Compiler of Laws
All Senators

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
LT. GOVERNOR

UFISINAN I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

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• FRANK F. BLAS JR.

FEB 11 2026

Time: 2:40 pm
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February 11, 2026

THE HON. FRANK BLAS, JR., Speaker
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
38th Guam Legislature
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Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: Bill No. 202-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 56 TO DIVISION 5 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE 'GUAM VETERANS HIGHER EDUCATION BENEFITS ACT'."

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

Lieutenant Governor Josh Tenorio and I fully support providing educational benefits to Guam veterans and their family members. We recognize the need for higher education in today's world to allow our people to compete for the best jobs. The more educated the members of our community are, the more prosperous our community becomes.

We also acknowledge the sacrifices made by both our veterans and their family members. The long separations caused by deployments are difficult for the service member and their families. This is why it is necessary for us as a community to show our appreciation for both the service members and their families.

However, I must express my extreme disappointment with the members of the legislature in passing Bill No. 202-38 without providing a funding source to cover the expense. This decision is an expression of the legislature's actual lack of concern for our veterans, as if they don't matter enough to allocate funds to pay for the benefits the members claim they want so badly to provide. It is easy to give benefits to individuals that other people have to bear the financial burden for. In this case the people who will now have to shoulder the financial burden are the other students at the University of Guam (UOG) and Guam Community College (GCC).

UOG Senior Vice President Sharleen Santos-Bamba testified that if the current number of veterans and dependents were to enroll using these benefits that the cost to UOG would be approximately **One Million Two Hundred Thousand** (\$1,200,000) dollars. She further testified that tuition waivers are not paid out of funds appropriated by the legislature but come from tuition revenue funds. UOG also provides financial aid to students who qualify. In Fiscal year 2026 the budget for that program was **Three Million Five Hundred Thousand** (\$3,500,000) dollars, which had

To: The Hon. Frank Blas, Jr., *Speaker*
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Date: February 11, 2026
Re: Bill No. 202-38 (COR)

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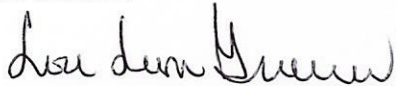
already been distributed to qualifying students. Students receiving aid currently account for 67% of the students enrolled at UOG.

The members of the legislature have decided that by requiring current and future students to pay for the veteran's benefits, they are absolved of admitting to the facts: giving citizens the benefits they deserve can't be done if you reduce taxes.

Despite the legislature's failure to fulfill its sole Organic Act duty, which is to appropriate funds to pay for services it mandates, I am still signing this bill because our veterans still deserve these benefits for their invaluable service to our community.

For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 202-38 (COR) into law as ***Public Law No. 38-99***.

Senseramente,



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 202-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-99

cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam
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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2026 (SECOND) Regular Session

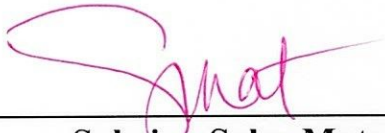
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that **Bill No. 202-38 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW CHAPTER 56 TO DIVISION 5 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE 'GUAM VETERANS HIGHER EDUCATION BENEFITS ACT'," was on the 29th day of January 2026, duly and regularly passed.



Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Attested:



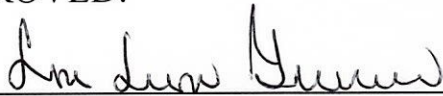
Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 29th day of Jan, 2026, at 7:04 o'clock P.M.



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Maga'håga's Office

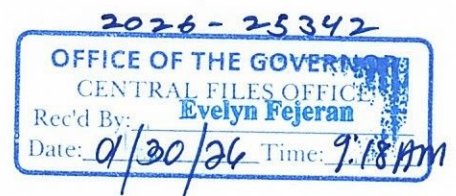
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Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 2/11/2026

Public Law No. 38-99



I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 202-38 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Education,
Libraries, and Public Broadcasting; and further
amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW CHAPTER 56 TO DIVISION 5
OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE
TO ESTABLISHING THE “GUAM VETERANS HIGHER
EDUCATION BENEFITS ACT.”**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that the people of Guam owe a profound debt of gratitude to the veterans who entered
4 the U.S. Armed Forces from Guam, and to their spouses and dependents, for their
5 distinguished service and immense sacrifice. While federal educational assistance
6 programs provide valuable support, it is the finding of this body that the

1 establishment of a distinctly local benefits program is a moral imperative that
2 demonstrates Guam’s unwavering commitment to honoring and supporting its
3 veterans and their families.

4 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that, with a significant veteran population
5 residing on Guam, many of whom, along with their families, encounter substantial
6 financial obstacles to accessing higher education, it is in the public interest to remove
7 such barriers. Providing these educational benefits is not merely an act of gratitude
8 but a strategic investment in the intellectual capital and economic prosperity of our
9 island. By enhancing access to higher education at the University of Guam and the
10 Guam Community College, this Act will directly contribute to a more skilled and
11 capable workforce, fostering economic growth and ensuring our veterans and their
12 families can achieve their full potential.

13 Therefore, it is the express purpose of this Act to establish the “Guam
14 Veterans Higher Education Benefits Act.” This legislation is designed to provide
15 meaningful tuition assistance, modeled after effective programs such as the Texas
16 Hazlewood Act, yet carefully tailored to the fiscal and institutional framework of
17 Guam. It is the intent of this Legislature that the Act be implemented without
18 requiring new appropriations, by leveraging existing institutional capacities for
19 tuition waivers at the University of Guam and the Guam Community College.

20 **Section 2.** A new Chapter 56 is *added* to Division 5, Title 17, Guam Code
21 Annotated, to read as follows:

22 **“CHAPTER 56**

23 **GUAM VETERANS HIGHER EDUCATION BENEFITS ACT.**

- 24 § 56101. Short Title.
25 § 56102. Definitions.
26 § 56103. Educational Benefits.
27 § 56104. Eligibility Requirements and Limitations.

1 § 56105. Administration.

2 § 56106. Implementation.

3 **§ 56101. Short Title.**

4 This Chapter shall be known as the “Guam Veterans Higher Education
5 Benefits Act”

6 **§ 56102. Definitions.**

7 As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall mean:

8 (a) ‘Commission’ means the Commission on Post-Secondary
9 Education

10 (b) ‘Dependent’ means:

11 (1) A spouse; or

12 (2) A child who:

13 (A) Is twenty-five (25) years old or younger on the first
14 day of the semester or term for which the exemption is claimed;
15 and

16 (B) Was claimed as a dependent on a federal income tax
17 return filed for the preceding year

18 (c) ‘Qualifying Veteran’ means a person who:

19 (1) At the time of entry into the U.S. Armed Forces, was a
20 resident of Guam and officially declared Guam as their home of record;

21 (2) Is a legal resident of Guam at the time of application for
22 benefits under this Chapter; and

23 (3) Served in the active military, naval, air service to include
24 and was discharged or released there from under conditions other than
25 dishonorable. Qualifying Veteran includes veterans of the Guam
26 Combat Patrol, the United States Insular Force, Philippine Scouts of
27 World War II, and the United States Armed Forces; or

1 (4) Is a current member in good standing or a former member
2 who received an honorable discharge from the Guam National Guard
3 or a Reserve Component of the U.S Armed Forces, regardless of active
4 duty time served; and

5 (d) 'Institution' shall mean the University of Guam, and the Guam
6 Community College.

7 (e) 'Tuition' shall mean the fees charged by an institution for
8 enrollment in a course, but does not include any other fees, charges, or costs,
9 such as student activity fees, laboratory fees, or the cost of books and
10 instructional materials.

11 (f) 'Tuition-paying students' means those students who pay tuition
12 fees and/or utilize student loans, receive federal government tuition assistance
13 such as federal student aid, utilizes an awarded scholarship, and/or receive
14 tuition waivers or assistance on account of age eligibility.

15 **§ 56103. Educational Benefits.**

16 (a) The following persons, subject to the requirements and limitations of
17 this Chapter, shall be exempt from the payment of tuition at an Institution:

18 (1) Qualifying veterans and their dependent spouse and children may
19 be included if sufficient institutional capacity exists, as determined by the
20 Commission on post-secondary education through rule making.

21 (b) The tuition exemption provided under this Chapter:

22 (1) At the undergraduate level, shall not exceed a lifetime total of
23 ninety (90) credit hours per Qualifying Veteran, which may be used by the
24 veteran or allocated to one (1) or more eligible dependents. No individual may
25 receive more than eighteen (18) credit hours of tuition exemption per
26 academic semester

1 (2) At the graduate level, shall not exceed a lifetime total of thirty
2 (30) credit hours. Such exemption shall be limited to master's degree
3 programs, except that professional doctoral programs may qualify if
4 designated by the Commission on Post-Secondary Education as a critical
5 workforce shortage area;

6 (3) Shall apply only to charges for tuition as defined in §56102(e)
7 and shall not cover student fees, laboratory charges, instructional materials, or
8 other incidental costs;

9 (4) Shall not be applied to repeated courses beyond one additional
10 attempt;

11 (5) Shall be contingent upon space being available in a course after
12 all tuition-paying students have completed registration; and

13 (6) Shall only be available to a Qualifying Veteran after all
14 applicable federal veterans' educational benefits and other federal tuition
15 assistance programs, including federal Title IV financial aid, have been fully
16 exhausted.

17 **§ 56104. Eligibility Requirements and Limitations.**

18 (a) To be eligible for and to maintain benefits under this Chapter, a person
19 must:

20 (1) Be admitted and enrolled at an Institution;

21 (2) Maintain satisfactory academic progress toward a degree or
22 certificate program, as defined by the policies of the respective Institution,
23 and possess a cumulative grade point average of no less than 2.5 for
24 undergraduate programs and 3.0 for graduate programs;

25 (3) Attest that they have exhausted all eligibility for any federal
26 veterans' educational benefits that provide tuition assistance prior to receiving
27 a waiver under this Chapter; and

1 (4) Not be in default on any student loan made or guaranteed by the
2 government of Guam;

3 (b) Benefits conferred by this Chapter shall be subject to the following
4 limitations:

5 (1) The provision of a tuition exemption shall be contingent upon
6 space being available in a course after all tuition-paying students have
7 completed registration;

8 (2) This Chapter does not guarantee admission into any academic
9 program, course, or Institution;

10 (3) The benefit is subject to all course capacity limits and program
11 enrollment restrictions established by the Institution;

12 (4) A tuition exemption shall not be granted for any course that has
13 reached its maximum enrollment capacity or for which a waitlist of tuition-
14 paying students exists.

15 (c) If a recipient withdraws from or fails a course for which a tuition
16 exemption was granted, the recipient shall be responsible for repayment of waived
17 tuition, unless otherwise waived for good cause as defined by Commission rule.
18 Such reimbursed funds shall be deposited into the Student Financial Aid Program
19 (SFAP) fund of the respective Institution.

20 **§ 56105. Administration.**

21 (a) The Commission shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are
22 necessary for the administration of this Chapter. The University of Guam and the
23 Guam Community College shall establish and amend internal policies and
24 administrative procedures as required to ensure full compliance with the provisions
25 of this Chapter.

1 (b) The government of Guam entity responsible for veterans affairs shall
2 provide necessary assistance in the verification of a veteran’s status, service record,
3 and eligibility for benefits under this Chapter upon request by an Institution.

4 **§ 56106. Implementation.**

5 (a) The benefits prescribed by this Chapter shall be implemented and
6 provided by the University of Guam and the Guam Community College through a
7 tuition waiver mechanism;

8 (b) The University of Guam, the Guam Community College shall each:

9 (1) Develop and publish clear procedures for the application and
10 processing of tuition exemptions consistent with institutional enrollment
11 timelines and course availability;

12 (2) Submit a report to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* no later than ninety
13 (90) days after the end of each academic year, detailing the number of
14 beneficiaries served, the total number of credit hours exempted, the total
15 amount of credits failed or withdrawn and repayment received, if applicable,
16 list of the types of undergraduate and graduate degrees that recipients enrolled
17 in, and the calculated value of the tuition waived;

18 (3) Implement control measures to ensure that the granting of
19 exemptions under this Chapter does not result in the displacement of any
20 tuition-paying student from any course or program.

21 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, benefits under this Chapter
22 shall be implemented no earlier than April 1, 2026, to allow Institutions adequate
23 time to establish administrative procedures.”

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

1 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
2 severable.

3 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall become effective upon enactment.