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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
149-38 (LS) As amended on the Floor.	Therese M. Terlaje	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 7160(e), AND § 7161(f), CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO WAIVING VETERANS LICENSE PLATE FEES.	5/30/25 8:33 a.m. ^6/5/25 9:38 a.m.	6/10/25	Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement.	Request: 6/10/25 6/10/25	7/10/25 9:00 a.m.	7/15/25	
	SESSION DATE	TITLE	DATE PASSED	TRANSMITTED	DUE DATE	PUBLIC LAW NO.	DATE SIGNED	NOTES	
	7/28/25	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> §§ 7160(e), AND 7161(f), OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO WAIVING VETERANS LICENSE PLATE FEES.	7/31/25	8/6/25	8/18/25	38-36	8/18/25	Received: 8/18/25 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 38GL-25-1067	



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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

38GL-25-1067

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
FRANK F. BLAS JR.

Transmitted via email to speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov

August 18, 2025

HONORABLE FRANK F. BLAS JR., Speaker
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38th Guam Legislature
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Time: 4:30 PM
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Re: Bill No. 5-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 7120.2(d)(1) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO VETERAN LICENSE PLATE DESIGNS AND RECOGNITIONS."

Bill No. 92-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 1041 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS 'VETERANS SERVICE RECOGNITION MONTH' IN GUAM AND ESTABLISHING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO HONOR AND SUPPORT VETERANS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH."

Bill No. 149-38 (LS), "AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 7160(e), AND 7161(f), OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO WAIVING VETERANS LICENSE PLATE FEES."

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

Last month, the Guam Legislature passed three bills honoring the service, sacrifice, and commitment of Guam's veterans. Bill No. 5-38 (COR) expands the design options for veteran license plates, which allows our veterans to display their pride of service in a way that conveys the war or operation in which they served. Bill No. 92-38 (COR) designates November as Veterans Service Recognition Month. It also outlines several initiatives by various departments and offices to remember, reflect on, and pay tribute to our veterans through education, outreach, and acts of appreciation. Bill No. 149-38 (COR) waives license plate fees for World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans registered with the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs. Together, these bills reflect our recognition, respect, and tangible support for our veterans.

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To: The Hon. Frank Blas, Jr., *Speaker*
Fr: The Hon. Joshua F. Tenorio, *Acting Governor of Guam*
Date: August 18, 2025
Re: Bill No. 5-38 (COR), 92-38 (COR), and 149-38 (LS)

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For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 5-38 (COR), Bill No. 92-38 (COR) and Bill No. 149-38 (LS) into law as ***Public Law No. 38-34***, ***Public Law No. 38-35***, and ***Public Law No. 38-36***, respectively.

Senseramente,



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
I Åkto Maga'låhen Guåhan
Acting Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 5-38 (COR), nka P.L. 38-34
Bill No. 92-38 (COR), nka P.L. 38-35
Bill No. 149-38 (LS) nka P.L. 38-36

cc via email: *Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam
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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 149-38 (LS), "AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 7160(e), AND 7161(f), OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO WAIVING VETERANS LICENSE PLATE FEES,"** was on the 31st day of July 2025, duly and regularly passed.



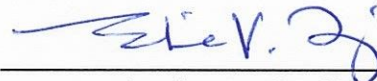
Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Attested:



V. Anthony Ada
Acting Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 6th day of August, 2025, at 7:58 o'clock A.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
ACTING GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Date: August 18, 2025

Public Law No. 38-36

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

Bill No. 149-38 (LS)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* §§ 7160(e), AND 7161(f), OF CHAPTER
7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
WAIVING VETERANS LICENSE PLATE FEES.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. *I Liheslatura* finds that April 2025 marked the 50th anniversary since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975, following U.S. withdrawal in 1973. 2025 also marks the 72nd anniversary of the end of the Korean War in 1953, following the U.S. withdrawal in 1949. 2025 also marks the 80th anniversary since the end of WWII. Veterans from these wars continued to serve our community on their return and as most of these highly respected veterans now exceed 70 years in age, it is the

1 intent of *I Liheslatura* to immediately further honor them, their service and their
2 commitment to our island, through a waiver in license plate fees. This benefit will
3 coincide with Guam's law already allowing special license plates for veterans.

4 **Section 2.** § 7160(e) of Chapter 7, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, is
5 hereby *amended* to read:

6 “(e)(1) The annual license and registration fee in § 7160(a) shall be
7 waived upon the initial issuance and the subsequent renewal of the vehicle
8 license and registration for:

9 (A) any Veteran determined by the U.S. Department of
10 Veterans Affairs (USDVA) to be one hundred percent (100%) disabled
11 or individually unemployable due to military service connected
12 injuries, with certification from the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs;
13 and any WWII Veteran, Korean War Veteran, and Vietnam War
14 Veteran registered with the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs
15 notwithstanding disability or unemployable certification;

16 (B) the spouse, legal guardian, or surviving spouse, as defined
17 in § 67101 of Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, and as
18 authorized by § 4B101 of Article 1B of Chapter 4, Title 4, Guam Code
19 Annotated, and to Gold Star parents who are eligible pursuant to §
20 7120.3(b) of this Chapter;

21 (i) eligible persons in Subsections (A) or (B) shall
22 verify their status with a military identification card, to include
23 the DD Form 214, DD Form 1173, DD Form 2765, National
24 Guard Bureau 22 (NGB22), Armed Forces Retirement
25 Certificate, Armed Forces Statement of Personnel Record, or
26 other accepted forms used to verify eligibility status and certified
27 by the government of Guam Office of Veterans Affairs (OVA);

1 (ii) the eligibility period for persons in Subsection (B)
2 shall be consistent with §§ 4B103, 4B104, or 4B105 of Article
3 1B of Chapter 4, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, and the
4 eligibility period for Gold Star parents shall be the same as the
5 eligibility period for a surviving spouse; and

6 (C) the recipients of at least one of the following military
7 awards: the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross (U.S.
8 Army), the Navy Cross (U.S. Navy and Marine Corps), the Coast Guard
9 Cross (U.S. Coast Guard), the Distinguished Flying Cross (U.S. Air
10 Force), the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with "V" Device, or the Purple
11 Heart Medal.

12 (2) The fee shall be waived for one (1) non-commercial passenger
13 vehicle, which includes sedans, coupes, pick-up trucks, motorcycles, and
14 station wagons manufactured primarily for the purpose of carrying
15 passengers, and including those passenger cars pulling other light trailers,
16 registered to the Veteran, or eligible persons applying for benefits under this
17 Section.

18 (3) A document issued by the USDVA or a U.S. military ID card,
19 with certification from the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs, which certifies
20 the disability rating, and registration at GVAO where required by this Act
21 must be furnished to the Department of Revenue and Taxation in order to
22 waive the annual Motor Vehicle License and Registration Assessment."

23 **Section 3.** § 7161(f), Chapter 7, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby
24 *amended* to read:

25 "(f) The Street Light Fund Fee in this Section shall be waived upon
26 initial issuance and subsequent renewal of vehicle license and registration for
27 any Veteran determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

1 (USDVA) and with certification from the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs to
2 be one hundred percent (100%) disabled or individually unemployable due to
3 military service connected injuries; and for any WWII Veteran, Korean War
4 Veteran, and Vietnam War Veteran registered with the Guam Office of
5 Veterans Affairs notwithstanding disability or unemployable certification;”

6 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
7 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not
8 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
9 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
10 severable.

11 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall become immediately effective
12 upon enactment.