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Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations,	V. Anthony Ada Sabrina Salas Matanane Shelly V. Calvo Jesse A. Lujan Tina Rose Muña Barnes	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW (5) TO \$ 3101, ARTICLE I, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ADOPTING MILITARY CERTIFICATIONS AS QUALIFICATION FOR GUAM CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSES.	3/6/25 3:24 p.m.	3/14/25	Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement.	Request: 3/14/25 Waiver: 3/17/25	6/11/25 9:00 a.m.	7/15/25 As Amended.	
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Retirement; and further amended on the Floor.	1 7/20/25	AN ACT TO ADD. A NEW § 3101(s) TO ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ADOPTING MILITARY CERTIFICATIONS AS QUALIFICATION FOR GUAM CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSES.	7/31/25	8/6/25	8/18/25	38-47	8/18/25	Received: 8/18/25 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 38GL-25-1056	

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THE HON. FRANK BLAS, JR., Speaker I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 38th Guam Legislature Guam Congress Building 163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: Bill No. 84-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW§ 3101(s) TO ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ADOPTING MILITARY CERTIFICATIONS AS QUALIFICATION FOR GUAM CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSES."

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

Bill No. 84-38 (COR) streamlines the process for qualified veterans to obtain a Guam Chauffeur's License by recognizing certain U.S. military driver certifications as meeting local licensing requirements. Service members undergo extensive training, rigorous testing, and skill-based evaluations before receiving a military license to operate commercial motor vehicles. These programs, which meet or exceed federal standards, ensure drivers are well-versed in safety protocols, equipment handling, and operational competencies.

By allowing these military certifications to be directly recognized, this measure honors the skills and experience of our veterans while reducing duplicative testing and administrative barriers. It supports a smoother transition into civilian careers, expands employment opportunities, and leverages the wealth of training already invested in our service members.

For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 84-38 (COR) into law as *Public Law No. 38-47*.

Senseramente,

JOSHUA F. TENORIO

I Åkto Maga'låhen Guåhan

Acting Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 84-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-47

cc via email: Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Maga'hågan Guåhan, Governor of Guam

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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'HÂGAN GUÂHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 84-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 3101(s) TO ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ADOPTING MILITARY CERTIFICATIONS AS QUALIFICATION FOR GUAM CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSES," was on the 31st day of July 2025, duly and regularly passed.

Frank F. Blas, Jr. Speaker Attested: **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. existract C. Quinera Assistant Staff Officer Maga'håga's Office APPROVED JOSHUA F. TENORIO ACTING GOVERNOR OF GUAM

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

Bill No. 84-38 (COR)

Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement; and further amended on the Floor.

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AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 3101(s) TO ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ADOPTING MILITARY CERTIFICATIONS AS QUALIFICATION FOR GUAM CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSES.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that in the United States Armed Forces, service members can acquire a military
- 4 license that provides clearance for operating commercial motor vehicles such as

buses and tractors. All service members looking to receive certification for their

2 military license must complete the Driver's Training Program. This program's

design covers all necessary instructions required by Federal law to be completed

before a military learner's permit is issued.

Any service member selected to receive a military driver's license must complete the respective military certification program. For example, the Guam National Guard certification program includes two phases. Phase 1 training entails the following minimum requirements: introduction, organization of course materials and course review, Distribution of course materials and handouts, Drivers and Assistant Drivers Responsibilities and Liabilities, Guam and installation traffic regulations and laws, Accident Avoidance Training IAW AR 385-10, Accident Causation, Use of Army Publications and Forms, Equipment Preventive Maintenance and Checks and Services (PMCS), HAZMAT Familiarization and Safety (including Security Awareness Training), Night Vision Device Training, Convoy Operations, Army Oil Analysis Program, Personnel and Cargo Transportation, Hand and Arm Signals.

Phase 2 consists of equipment specific training per the required training circulars consistent with the equipment to be licensed on. All equipment specific training must include the follow basic composition: equipment characteristics and specifications, equipment operational aspects under normal conditions, equipment limitations, equipment specific warnings and cautions, introduction to the equipment operators manuals and PMCS tables written test, equipment specific PMCS hands on and driving training, PMCS performance practice and familiarization, equipment operation hands on training on and off road driving, equipment hands on night driving and operation, hands on backing, parking and equipment handling, on road performance including on and off road driving test (daylight hours.).

Currently, in Guam law, § 3101, Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 16 outlines the requirements needed to obtain a chauffeur's driver's license. Qualifications require that an applicant for a chauffeur's license must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and if the application is for a new license and not renewal, the individual must have a valid Certificate of Completion of a driver's education course. This would entail going through an examination which would include a test of the applicant's knowledge, understanding of this title and executing an actual demonstration of their ability to exercise reasonable control in operating a motor vehicle.

Due to the rigorous training, detailed certifications, and extensive qualifications required to obtain a military license to operate commercial motor vehicles, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes the valuable skills veterans may possess with their Drivers Training Program certifications. Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to streamline the process for veterans seeking civilian employment by allowing for the direct adoption of military certifications as qualifications for a Guam Chauffeur's License. This measure aims to acknowledge the transferable skills veterans acquire during their service, assisting in creating an easier transition for these veterans into civilian careers.

Section 2. A new § 3101(s) is hereby *added* to Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"(s) Notwithstanding § 3101(h)(3), any individual who possess an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces to include the Guam National Guard and Guam National Guard Reserve, verified with a Department of Defense Form 214 (DD214) or the National Guard Report of Separation and Record of Service (NGB-22), that has obtained the Drivers Training Program certification necessary to operate commercial motor vehicles as defined in §1102, Chapter 1, Title 16 Guam Code Annotated, shall qualify to obtain a Guam License Class Chauffer's, Endorsement B, C, or D

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license or a combination of the endorsements that align with their qualifications listed in their DD214 or NGB-22.

- (1) The Department of Revenue and Taxation shall, in consultation with the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs (GOVA), establish a process for verifying and evaluating military driver certifications for the purposes of issuing Guam chauffer's licenses and applicable endorsements.
- (2) The Guam Office of Veterans Affairs shall serve as the certifying authority for verifying the authenticity of military driver's training certificates, DD214, NGB-22, or other related military discharge documents.
- (3) Upon verification, the Department of Revenue and Taxation shall determine the appropriate chauffer's license endorsement based on the type of vehicle(s) the applicant was certified to operate in the military, the level of training received, and the scope of responsibilities performed.
- (4) The Department may require submission of additional documentation or proof of experience to support endorsement eligibility and shall ensure that such determinations align with public safety standards and applicable laws and regulations.
- (5) If at the time of application, a military driver certification is more than five (5) years old from the date of initial issuance, the Department may require the applicant to complete a road skills test to demonstrate current competency before issuing an endorsement.
- (6) The Department shall not issue an endorsement beyond that which is supported by the verified military certification, unless the

1	applicant completes additional testing or documentation as required by				
2	law.				
3	(7) The Department shall promulgate rules and regulations to				
4	implement this subsection within one hundred and twenty (120) days				
5	of enactment, including a defined matrix for endorsement equivalency				
6	and documentation protocols."				
7	Section 3. Effective Date. This Act shall be effective upon enactment.				
8	Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Act or its application to any				
9	person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not				
10	affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without				
11	the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are				
12	severable.				