

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
BILL STATUS

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99-38 (COR) As amended by Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement; and further amended on the Floor.	Tina Rose Muña Barnes Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Shelly V. Calvo V. Anthony Ada Joe S. San Agustin Frank F. Blas, Jr. Jesse A. Lujan	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 3118, § 3118.1, § 3118.2 AND § 3118.3 TO CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DRIVER'S LICENSE RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES.	4/1/25 1:27 p.m. 4/11/25 3:12 p.m.	4/11/25	Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement.	4/11/25	6/11/25 9:00 a.m.	7/14/25 As Amended.	
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	9/29/25	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §§ 3118, 3118.1, 3118.2 AND 3118.3 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DRIVER'S LICENSE RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES.	10/3/25	10/7/25	10/18/25	38-69	10/17/25	Received: 10/17/25 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 38GL-25-1358	

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October 17, 2025

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

Re: Bill No. 99-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §§ 3118, 3118.1, 3118.2 AND 3118.3 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DRIVER'S LICENSE RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES."

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

Bill No. 99-38 (COR) reinforces Guam's commitment to cooperation, safety, and shared standards across both state and international lines. By authorizing driver's license reciprocity agreements with U.S. jurisdictions and foreign governments that maintain comparable safety, verification, and identification protocols, it provides a lawful framework for recognizing valid credentials while safeguarding the integrity of Guam's licensing system.

This legislation also recognizes Guam's role as both a destination and a point of origin for travel, education, and professional exchange. Streamlining the lawful recognition of driver's licenses from qualified jurisdictions will help reduce administrative barriers for residents returning home, students and professionals relocating to Guam, and visitors contributing to our local economy.

In signing this measure into law, I emphasize the need for deliberate and transparent execution. The Department of Revenue and Taxation must establish clear procedures and verification mechanisms to ensure that every agreement reflects mutual accountability and public safety. Reciprocity arrangements with U.S. jurisdictions must uphold the requirements of the REAL ID Act and related federal standards, while international agreements must demonstrate equivalent rigor in identity and licensing verification to ensure consistency with Guam's public safety priorities. In turn, this strengthens Guam's capacity to coordinate effectively with other

To: The Hon. Frank Blas, Jr., *Speaker*
Fr: The Hon. Joshua F. Tenorio, *Acting Governor of Guam*
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Re: Bill No. 99-38 (COR)

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jurisdictions, promoting consistency, compliance, and confidence in the standards that govern the lawful operation of motor vehicles.

For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 99-38 (COR) into law as ***Public Law No. 38-69.***

Senseramente,



JOSHUA F. TENORIO

I Ákto Maga'låhen Guåhan

Acting Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 99-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-69

cc via email: The *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. 99-38 (COR)**, “AN ACT TO **ADD A NEW §§ 3118, 3118.1, 3118.2 AND 3118.3 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DRIVER’S LICENSE RECIPROACITY AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES,**” was on the 3rd day of October 2025, duly and regularly passed.



Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

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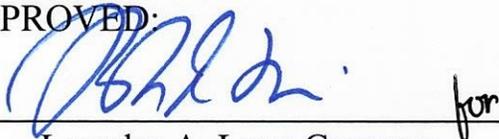
Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 7th day of October, 2025, at 4:40 o'clock P.M.



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Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:



Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 10/17/2025

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

Bill No. 99-38 (COR)

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

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW §§ 3118, 3118.1, 3118.2 AND
3118.3 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE
ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DRIVER'S LICENSE
RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN
COUNTRIES.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that Guam has strong economic, cultural, and educational ties to numerous foreign
4 countries, including the Republic of China (Taiwan), Japan, and South Korea. Many

1 foreign nationals residing in or visiting Guam possess valid driver’s licenses issued
2 by their home countries, often meeting stringent driving standards. Establishing a
3 process for recognizing foreign driver’s licenses through reciprocity agreements
4 allows visitors and temporary residents to bypass redundant tests, help ease
5 transition of visiting students, professionals and military personnel, streamline
6 government efficiency caused by testing, and foster greater diplomatic relationships.

7 As of January 2025, several U.S. states have established driver's license
8 reciprocity agreements with Taiwan, Japan, and South Korea. Notably, Maryland
9 has agreements with Taiwan, Japan, and South Korea. Texas recognizes licenses
10 from Taiwan and South Korea, allowing holders to obtain a Texas driver's license
11 without additional testing. Arizona offers reciprocity for drivers from Taiwan and
12 South Korea aged 18 or older, waiving both road and written tests. Vermont has a
13 reciprocal agreement with Taiwan, permitting eligible applicants to waive
14 knowledge and skills tests. New Jersey established a reciprocity agreement with
15 South Korea in October 2023.

16 It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to authorize *I*
17 *Maga’håga/Maga’låhi Guåhan* to enter into international reciprocity agreements for
18 driver’s license.

19 **Section 2.** A new § 3118 is *added* to Chapter 3 of Title 16, Guam Code
20 Annotated, to read:

21 **“§ 3118. International Reciprocity Agreements.**

22 (a) *I Maga’håga/Maga’låhi Guåhan* may enter into
23 reciprocity agreements with the appropriate authorities of any foreign
24 country to allow holders of valid driver’s licenses issued by such
25 countries to exchange their licenses for a Guam driver’s license of an
26 equivalent class. Reciprocity agreements shall only be entered into
27 with countries that maintain an official diplomatic or consular presence

1 in Guam or the United States, or whose licensing systems can be
2 verified through internationally recognized certification mechanisms.

3 However, *I Maga'håga/Maga'låhi* shall not negotiate or enter
4 into a reciprocal agreement with a country that is listed as a state
5 sponsor of terrorism as determined by the Secretary of State of the
6 United States, or designated by the U.S. Department of Homeland
7 Security or State Department as a country of particular concern for
8 national security or public safety.

9 (b) Guam license holders may be permitted to exchange their
10 Guam driver's licenses for a foreign driver's license with the
11 Department of Revenue and Taxation's Driver's License Examination
12 Branch ("Department") under equivalent conditions, subject to the laws
13 of the respective foreign country.

14 (c) Any driver's license issued pursuant to a reciprocity
15 agreement shall comply with the requirements of the REAL ID Act if
16 it is to be used for federal identification purposes.

17 (d) If a foreign license does not meet the identity verification
18 and security standards required under the REAL ID Act, the
19 Department may issue a non-REAL ID compliant driver's license
20 marked as "Not for Federal Identification."

21 **Section 3.** A new § 3118.1 is *added* to Chapter 3, Title 16, Guam Code
22 Annotated, to read:

23 **"§ 3118.1. International Reciprocity Agreements: Eligibility and**
24 **Procedures.**

25 (a) To exchange a foreign driver's license for a Guam driver's
26 license, applicants must:

27 (1) Provide a valid and unexpired driver's license

1 issued by the foreign country;

2 (2) Provide proof of legal presence in Guam;

3 (3) Submit an application to the Department and pay
4 applicable fees; and

5 (4) Meet any additional requirements as determined by
6 the Department.

7 (b) The Department shall develop procedures for verifying the
8 authenticity of foreign driver's licenses and ensure compliance with
9 security and identification standards, including those established under
10 the REAL ID Act.

11 (c) The Department may waive written, vision, or skills
12 testing only upon determining that the foreign licensing standards are
13 substantially equivalent to those of Guam and compliant with the
14 REAL ID Act.

15 (d) The Department may include terms in reciprocity
16 agreements that allow for the return of the applicant's foreign driver's
17 license upon expiration of the Guam license or upon the applicant's
18 departure from Guam."

19 **Section 4.** A new § 3118.2 is *added* to Chapter 3, Title 16, Guam Code
20 Annotated, to read:

21 **“§ 3118.2. International Reciprocity Agreements: Rules and**
22 **Regulations.**

23 The Department shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to
24 implement this Act within 180 days of its enactment, including verification
25 protocols, eligibility criteria by country, fee schedules, and procedures to
26 prevent fraud. The Department shall work with appropriate authorities in
27 foreign countries to facilitate the exchange process and resolve any logistical

1 challenges. The Department shall ensure that any regulations adopted under
2 this Act are in compliance with the REAL ID Act and other applicable federal
3 laws.”

4 **Section 5.** A new § 3118.3 is *added* to Chapter 3, Title 16, Guam Code
5 Annotated, to read:

6 **“§ 3118.3. Annual Reporting Requirement.**

7 The Department shall also submit an annual report to the Speaker of *I*
8 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the Chairperson of the committee with oversight
9 over transportation, detailing:

- 10 (a) the number of reciprocity agreements executed;
11 (b) the number of licenses issued under such agreements;
12 (c) countries involved; and
13 (d) any public safety incidents involving license holders
14 issued under this authority.”