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165-38 (COR) As amended by the Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement; and further amended on the Floor.	Shelly V. Calvo Tina Rose Muña Barnes Telo T. Taitague V. Anthony Ada Chris Barnett Frank F. Blas, Jr. Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Jesse A. Lujan William A. Parkinson Sabina Flores Perez Sabrina Salas Matanane Therese M. Terlaje	AN ACT TO *AMEND* SUBSECTION (d) OF § 3101 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE PERIOD DURING WHICH HOLDERS OF VALID U.S. DRIVER'S LICENSES MAY OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES IN GUAM.	6/27/25 1:47 p.m.	7/7/25	Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement.	Request: 7/7/25 Waiver: 7/15/25	10/17/25 8:30 a.m.	11/6/25 As Amended.	

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11/26/25	AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 3101(d) OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE PERIOD DURING WHICH HOLDERS OF VALID U.S. DRIVER'S LICENSES MAY OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES IN GUAM.	12/5/25	12/9/25	12/20/25	38-85	12/20/25	Received: 12/20/25 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 38GL-25-1629

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THE HON. FRANK BLAS, JR., *Speaker*
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Re: Bill No. 165-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 3101(d) OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE PERIOD DURING WHICH HOLDERS OF VALID U.S. DRIVER'S LICENSES MAY OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES IN GUAM."

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

Bill No. 165-38 (COR) amends Guam's driver's license law to provide newly arrived residents sufficient time to transition to a Guam-issued license. Under current law, individuals arriving from another U.S. state or territory have only thirty days to complete the process, an unrealistic window given the appointment backlogs and testing delays at the Department of Revenue and Taxation, Division of Motor Vehicles (DRT-DMV).

This bill also authorizes an extension to ninety days and allows for an additional extension of up to one year if the individual registers their out-of-jurisdiction license with DRT-DMV. These changes provide practical relief for new arrivals, including military dependents, contract workers, and students, while still ensuring that all drivers meet Guam's licensing requirements.

By giving people more time to complete the process, we reduce administrative strain, improve compliance, and make Guam more welcoming for those relocating here.

For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 165-38 (COR) into law as ***Public Law No. 38-85.***

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
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Governor of Guam

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 165-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 3101(d) OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE PERIOD DURING WHICH HOLDERS OF VALID U.S. DRIVER'S LICENSES MAY OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES IN GUAM,"** was on the 5th day of December 2025, 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 9th day of Dec, 2025, at 6:26 o'clock P.M.

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APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 20 Dec 2025

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Bill No. 165-38 (COR)
As amended by the 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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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that individuals relocating to Guam from another territory, Commonwealth, or state of the United States often face prolonged processing times and limited testing

appointment availability when transitioning to a local driver's license. Current law allows only a limited grace period, which does not adequately account for challenges such as testing availability and appointment backlogs at the Department of Revenue and Taxation (DRT).

In recognition of these practical constraints, *I Liheslatura* further finds that allowing a longer waiver period for foreign license holders provides flexibility for new residents, including contract workers, military dependents, and transfer students, while ensuring road safety standards are maintained. Doing so balances the need for road safety and proper credentialing with the realities of global mobility, workforce transition, and tourism recovery.

It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to extend the allowable operating period for holders of valid U.S. driver's licenses, provided they register their license with the Department of Revenue and Taxation and meet eligibility criteria. This extension, from thirty (30) days to ninety (90) days, will ease the adjustment period for new arrivals, reduce administrative bottlenecks, and uphold Guam's commitment to being a welcoming and practical jurisdiction for new residents.

Section2. § 3101(d) of Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

"(d) A person having in his immediate possession a valid operator's, chauffeur's or motorcycle operator's license issued by any other territory, Commonwealth, or state of the United States, may drive a motor vehicle or a motorcycle upon the roads and highways for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days from the date such person arrived on Guam.

(1) However, upon the expiration of such ninety (90) day period, such person must have been issued a Guam driver's license in order to continue driving on Guam. Such persons shall be exempted

from taking the written driver's license examination or demonstration test.

(2) Upon issuance of the Guam driver's license, such person shall surrender the driver's license previously issued by the other United States jurisdiction to the Division of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Revenue and Taxation, unless the Director of Revenue and Taxation has adopted other procedures for the disposition of the previously issued license from the other United States jurisdiction.

(3) The ninety (90) day 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).

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

(A) the name and age of the licensee;

(B) the expiration date of the Certificate; and

(C) the licensee's out-of-Guam driver's licensee number.

(5) The Department of Revenue and Taxation may withhold registration of an out-of-Guam license if:

(A) The Department of Revenue and Taxation cannot verify or has cause to doubt the validity of such out-of-Guam license;

(B) the licensee is unable to document the date of entry into Guam; or

(C) the out-of-Guam license has been revoked or suspended by the jurisdiction issuing the license.

(6) The Department of Revenue and Taxation may require a prospective registrant to validate his license through passage of a written exam, road test or both."

Section 3. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

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