

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2026 (SECOND) Regular Session
VOTING RECORD

Bill No. 343-38 (LS) As amended by the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs; and further amended on the Floor.	Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall Guam Congress Building October 16, 2026					
NAME	Yea	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada	✓					
Senator Chris Barnett	✓					
Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr.	✓					
Senator Vincent A.V. Borja	✓					
Senator Shelly V. Calvo	✓					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas	✓					
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao	✓					
Senator Jesse A. Lujan	✓					
Senator Tina Rose Muña-Barnes	✓					
Senator William A. Parkinson	✓					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez	✓					
Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane	✓					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin	✓					
Senator Telo T. Taitague	✓					
Senator Therese M. Terlaje	✓					

TOTAL

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RENNAE V. C. MENO
Clerk of the Legislature

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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* §§ 4B104 AND 4B105 OF ARTICLE
1B, CHAPTER 4, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,
AND TO *AMEND* §§ 67101(d), (e), AND (g) OF CHAPTER
67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE
TO DEFINING SPOUSE AND LEGAL GUARDIAN FOR
CERTAIN LOCAL VETERANS' BENEFITS.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that legislation defining a spouse, surviving spouse, and legal guardian, as well as the expiration of benefits granted to spouses and guardians, was initially enacted by Public Law 31-240 in 2012. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the definitions are unnecessarily restrictive and limiting.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that the benefits assigned to surviving spouses are set to expire ten (10) years after the veteran's passing, despite the fact that the important roles they perform do not necessarily lessen with the veteran's

1 death or the passage of time. Therefore, these benefits should continue until they too
2 have passed away or, in the case of a surviving spouse, remarries.

3 **Section 2.** § 4B104 of Article 1B, Chapter 4, Title 4, Guam Code
4 Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

5 **“§ 4B104. Eligibility Period: Surviving Spouse.**

6 Benefits extended to a Surviving Spouse eligible under this Article,
7 shall continue until the Surviving Spouse remarries or becomes deceased.”

8 **Section 3.** § 4B105 of Article 1B, Chapter 4, Title 4, Guam Code
9 Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

10 **“§ 4B105. Eligibility Period: Legal Guardian.**

11 Benefits extended to a Legal Guardian eligible under this Article, shall
12 continue for the periods as follows:

13 (a) until minor children for which the guardian is legally responsible
14 for, reach the age of eighteen (18) or until the age of twenty-three (23), if
15 enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited degree or certification program;
16 or

17 (b) until the legal guardianship is revoked or otherwise terminated;
18 provided, however, that if the service member dies while the legal
19 guardianship remains in effect, a Legal Guardian who had been taking care of
20 the service member for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the
21 service member’s death shall remain eligible for such benefits until the Legal
22 Guardian becomes deceased.”

23 **Section 4.** § 67101(d) of Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is
24 hereby *amended* to read as follows:

25 “(d) “Spouse” means a person who is legally married to the Veteran
26 in a marriage valid under applicable law.”

1 **Section 5.** § 67101(e) of Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is
2 hereby *amended* to read as follows:

3 “(e) “Surviving Spouse” means a person who:

4 (1) was the spouse of a veteran at the time of veteran’s death,
5 who lived with the veteran continuously from the date of the marriage
6 to the date of the veteran’s death (Except when there was a separation
7 which was due to the misconduct of, or procured by, the veteran without
8 the fault of the spouse) and who has not currently remarried.”

9 **Section 6.** § 67101(g) of Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is
10 hereby *amended* to read as follows:

11 “(g) Legal Guardian for Disabled Service Member is a person
12 lawfully vested with the power, and charged with the obligation, of taking
13 care of and managing the property and rights of a person who because of
14 service-connected disabling injuries is in need of care, and provided that the
15 service member is divorced or legally separated from his spouse, never
16 married, or widowed.”

17 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon
18 enactment.