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***I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2020 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN***


This is to certify that **Bill No. 416-35 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 13 TO CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 1, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE SENIOR CITIZENS HOUSING TASK FORCE ACT OF 2020,"** was on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2020, duly and regularly passed.

  
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**Tina Rose Muña Barnes**  
**Speaker**


Attested:

  
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**Amanda L. Shelton**  
**Legislative Secretary**

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This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Dec.,  
2020, at 2:38 o'clock P.M.

  
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**Assistant Staff Officer**  
***Maga'håga's Office***

APPROVED:

  
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**Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero**  
***I Maga'hågan Guåhan***

Date: 1/22/2021

Public Law No. 35-14D

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**Bill No. 416-35 (COR)**

As amended by the Committee on Higher Education  
and the Advancement of Women, Youth,  
and Senior Citizens.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW ARTICLE 13 TO CHAPTER 2 OF  
DIVISION 1, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,  
RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE SENIOR CITIZENS  
HOUSING TASK FORCE ACT OF 2020.**

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

2 **Section 1.** A new Article 13 is hereby *added* to Chapter 2 of Division 2,  
3 Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

4 **"ARTICLE 13**

5 **SENIOR CITIZENS HOUSING TASK FORCE**

- 1           § 22001.    Title.
- 2           § 22002.    Legislative Statement.
- 3           § 22003.    Creation of Senior Citizens Housing Task Force; Membership.
- 4           § 22004.    Administrative Support for the Task Force.
- 5           § 22005.    Rules.
- 6           § 22006.    Meetings.
- 7           § 22007.    Powers and Responsibilities of Task Force.
- 8           § 22008.    Task Force Plan.
- 9           § 22009.    Reporting.
- 10          **§ 22001.    Title.**

11           This Article shall be known and cited as the “*Senior Citizens Housing Task*  
12 *Force Act of 2020.*”

13           **§ 22002.    Legislative Statement.**

14           *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes the urgency of identifying strategies that  
15 will help increase the supply of quality affordable housing for our senior citizens  
16 and to reduce barriers to providing health care and social services to our senior  
17 citizens in affordable housing. As the framework of families evolve, the quality of  
18 life on island improves and life expectancy rises; and, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
19 that the demand for long-term services, to include housing, continues to grow.

20           It is, therefore, the position of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to create a task force  
21 comprised of specific stakeholders and representatives of government agencies to  
22 coordinate efforts to identify strategies and develop a plan for providing quality  
23 senior citizen housing and assisted living facilities to meet the projected needs of  
24 senior citizens on Guam.

25           **§ 22003.    Creation of Senior Citizens Housing Task Force;**  
26 **Membership.**

1           The Senior Citizens Housing Task Force is hereby created and shall consist  
2 of nine (9) members.

3           (a) Task Force members shall serve for a term of eighteen (18)  
4 months.

5           (b) The following nine (9) individuals shall serve as appointed  
6 members of the Task Force:

7           (1) the Chairperson of the Legislative Committee on Senior  
8 Citizens or her/his designee;

9           (2) the Department of Public Health and Social Services  
10 Division of Senior Citizens Administrator or her/his representative;

11           (3) a member of the Guam Council on Senior Citizens;

12           (4) the Executive Director of the Guam Housing Corporation  
13 or her/his representative;

14           (5) the Executive Director of the Guam Housing and Urban  
15 Renewal Authority or her/his representative;

16           (6) a member of the general public appointed by the Speaker  
17 of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*;

18           (7) a member of the Guam Realtors Association who shall be  
19 appointed by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*;

20           (8) a representative from the Guam Developmental  
21 Disabilities Council who shall be appointed by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*;  
22 and

23           (9) a representative or designee from the Guam Economic  
24 Development Authority.

25           **§ 22004. Administrative Support for the Task Force.**

26           (a) The Task Force shall be established by the Chairperson of the  
27 Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens for administrative purposes. The

1 Chairperson of the Committee shall ensure that the administrative provisions  
2 contained in this Article are properly adhered to; and shall further guarantee that the  
3 Committee provides all necessary administrative and clerical support, and anything  
4 else deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the Task Force.

5 (b) The Chairperson of the Task Force, in cooperation with the members,  
6 may request for budgetary support from *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

7 (c) The Chairperson of the Task Force shall ensure that the Task Force  
8 works in conjunction with, in support of, and as an extension of the work of the  
9 Guam Council on Senior Citizens specific to the Senior Citizens Housing Board. 10  
10 GCA § 8106(e).

11 (d) Nothing in this Article shall require that the funds of the Legislative  
12 Committee on Senior Citizens be used to cover any costs that are the direct result of  
13 the Task Force carrying out its defined duties and responsibilities pursuant to this  
14 Article.

15 **§ 22005. Rules.**

16 The Task Force may adopt rules as necessary for its own procedures.

17 **§ 22006. Meetings.**

18 The Task Force shall meet as often as it judges appropriate and necessary to  
19 accomplish its powers and duties.

20 (a) The first meeting of the Task Force shall be held as soon as the  
21 Chairperson deems necessary.

22 (b) All meetings of the Task Force shall be subject to the Open  
23 Government Law, 5 GCA Chapter 8.

24 **§ 22007. Powers and Responsibilities of Task Force.**

25 The Task Force shall:

26 (a) coordinate and oversee any and all efforts by the government of  
27 Guam concerning senior citizens housing;



1 (b) develop a senior citizens housing profile through assembling and  
2 analyzing the most recent senior citizen population and housing data  
3 available;

4 (c) identify the current and future needs for senior citizens housing  
5 and assisted living facilities;

6 (d) assess federal resources available through the United States  
7 Department of Housing and Urban Development;

8 (e) set public policy goals and objectives to meet the needs of senior  
9 citizens housing and assisted living facilities; and

10 (f) develop senior citizens housing and assisted living facilities  
11 development strategies and action plans.

12 **§ 22008. Task Force Plan.**

13 The Task Force shall develop recommendations summarizing the best path  
14 towards identifying strategies that will help increase the supply of quality affordable  
15 housing for our senior citizens and to reduce barriers to providing health care and  
16 social services to our senior citizens in affordable housing. The recommendations  
17 shall include, but not be limited to, recommending possible funding sources for  
18 maintenance plans and generating data on adequacy, affordability, and availability  
19 standards of senior citizens housing on Guam. The Task Force shall provide an oral  
20 presentation to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* through the Legislative Committee on Senior  
21 Citizens within the timeframe required under § 22009(c) of this Article.

22 **§ 22009. Reporting.**

23 (a) The Task Force shall file quarterly reports with *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
24 detailing the progress of the development and recommendations and post the reports  
25 on each Task Force member's agency website.

1           (b) No later than twelve (12) months after its first duly convened meeting,  
2 the Task Force shall submit to *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
3 the recommendations as required in § 22008 of this Article.

4           (c) No later than twelve (12) months after its first duly convened meeting,  
5 the Task Force shall submit to *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* a  
6 financial report accounting for funds appropriated, allocated, and expended, and the  
7 remaining balance.”

8           **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.

9           **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any  
10 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such  
11 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can  
12 be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end  
13 the provisions of this Act are severable.