

*I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
**BILL STATUS**


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320-35 (COR)	William M. Castro Clynton E. Ridgell Louise B. Muña Telena Cruz Nelson	AN ACT TO AMEND § 19.20 OF CHAPTER 19, TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO STRENGTHENING PENALTIES FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF ASSAULTING HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS.	3/26/20 5:12 p.m.						


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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.**

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that during times of public health emergencies,  
4 the people of *Guåhan* may experience levels of anxiety and stress that may result in  
5 behavior not typical of our island people. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that  
6 healthcare providers responding to public health emergencies and who are on the  
7 front lines providing critical care and treatment for our community may be at a  
8 higher risk of encountering individuals exhibiting dangerous behavior. It is,  
9 therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to protect against behavior that  
10 impede, interrupt, or otherwise obstruct the safe and efficient delivery of critical  
11 medical care to members of the community.

12 **Section 2. Protection of Healthcare Workers.** § 19.20 of Chapter 19, Title  
13 9, Guam Code Annotated, is *amended* to read:

14 **"§ 19.20. Aggravated Assault; Defined & Punished.**

1 (a) A person is guilty of aggravated assault if he either recklessly causes or  
2 attempts to cause:

3 (1) serious bodily injury to another in circumstances manifesting  
4 extreme indifference to the value of human life;

5 (2) serious bodily injury to another;

6 (3) bodily injury to another with a deadly weapon;

7 (4) bodily injury to a person who is in the process of providing  
8 healthcare services, during a State of Emergency or disaster declaration,  
9 where the actor knew or should have known that the victim is in the process  
10 of providing healthcare services.

11 (b) Aggravated assault under Paragraph (1) of Subsection (a) is a felony of the  
12 second degree; aggravated assault under Paragraphs (2), (3), or (4) ~~(3)~~ or Subsection  
13 (a) is a felony of the third degree; provided that any person convicted of aggravated  
14 assault shall not be eligible for work release or educational programs outside the  
15 confines of prison.”