





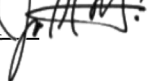
I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
BILL STATUS

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329-35 (COR)	William M. Castro Tina Muña Barnes Louise B. Muña Telena Cruz Nelson Joe S. San Agustin	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 26203(k)(38) TO CHAPTER 26 OF TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROMOTING THE SAFE AND EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES BY EXEMPTING TELEHEALTH AND TELEMONITORING EQUIPMENT FROM THE BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX LAW.	3/31/20 8:00 a.m.						

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

Bill No. 329 - 35 (COR)

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 there are fifty-six (56) confirmed cases of COVID-19 on Guam including one (1)
4 COVID-19 related death as of March 29, 2020. *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* has issued
5 mandatory social isolation guidelines and continues urging residents to limit public
6 contact to the purchasing of essential items such as food and medicine, and for
7 employment and business activities specifically authorized by Executive Order
8 2020-05.

9 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the need for social distancing and
10 isolation may inadvertently impact access to, and the efficient delivery of, medical
11 services for individuals requiring urgent medical care and treatment regardless if
12 their condition is associated with COVID-19.

1 It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to encourage healthcare
2 providers and healthcare facilities to invest in and adopt the use of telehealth
3 services, particularly during times of public health emergencies, such as the COVID-
4 19 pandemic.

5 The use of telehealth and telemonitoring services will assist healthcare
6 providers in triaging patients seeking care for symptoms potentially related to
7 COVID-19, isolating identified COVID-19 patients from other patients seeking care,
8 and promoting the safe delivery of quality medical care for patients amidst the
9 growing threat of COVID-19 on Guam.

10 **Section 2.** A new § 26203(k)(38) is *added* to Chapter 26 of Title 11, Guam
11 Code Annotated, to read:

12 “(38) Telehealth or telemonitoring equipment and associated technology,
13 including software and hardware, used in hospitals and clinics to provide access to
14 health assessments, diagnosis, intervention, consultation, supervision, and sharing
15 of information across distance. Clinics, for purposes of this section, are those
16 operated by healthcare professionals licensed by the provisions of Chapter 12 of
17 Title 10, Guam Code Annotated.”