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Bill No. *98* -35 (*02*)

Introduced by:

James C. Moylan 

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OF TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE
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AGAINST TOURISTS.**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds that tourism is a major economic engine of our island's economy, and any crime committed against our tourists, is more than a crime against an innocent victim, but also a crime against our community. The tourism industry employs over 20,000 island residents, and represents a significant percentage of Guam's Gross Domestic Product. Whenever a crime is committed against one of our visitors, this creates a spiral effect that is spread when the individual returns home and shares their horrific stories with families and friends. Any adverse brunt affecting tourism, ultimately impacts our community in an adverse manner.

As an island community, we take pride in our hospitality, and our industry professionals have invested greatly in many aspects, that we have to protect our island, it's global image, our people and of course our guests. Guam needs to create a stringent policy reminding everyone that criminal activity against visitors will not be tolerated, and only maximum penalties shall be imposed in the event

1 one is convicted of any offense in a crime against tourists. This is not only vital
2 for sake of public safety, but also for the intent of preserving our economic engine.

3 **Section 2.** A new §70.44.4 to Article 1, Chapter 70, Title 9, Guam Code
4 Annotated is hereby added to read as follows:

5 **“§ 70.44.4. Crimes Against Tourists**

6 For purposes of this Chapter, a tourist shall be defined as a person visiting
7 Guam for pleasure and interest, usually while on a holiday.

8 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, any person who
9 is convicted of an offense against a tourist or the property of a tourist shall
10 be sentenced to serve no less than the maximum term of imprisonment
11 which may be otherwise be imposed upon conviction of said offense, and no
12 term of the sentence shall be suspended.”

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

18 **Section 4. Effective Date.** The Act shall become effective upon enactment.