

I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
BILL STATUS

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241-35 (COR) As amended by the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, Hagåtña Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs; and further amended on the Floor	Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD Jose "Pedro" Terlaje Tina Rose Muña Barnes Telena Cruz Nelson Clynton E. Ridgell	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 72110 TO CHAPTER 72, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING A RIP CURRENT AND HIKING SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM AND OUTREACH PLAN.	11/8/19 4:58 p.m.	11/29/19	Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, Hagåtña-Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs	12/16/19 9:30 a.m.	2/4/20 3:39 p.m. As amended by the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, Hagåtña-Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs	11/27/19	
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	6/1/20	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 72110 TO CHAPTER 72, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING A RIP CURRENT AND HIKING SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM AND OUTREACH PLAN.	6/15/20	6/15/20	6/26/20	35-87	6/26/20	Received: 6/26/20 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 35GL-20-1924.	

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Re: Bill No. 241-35 (COR) – An Act to Add a New § 72110 to Chapter 72, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Creating and Implementing a Rip Current and Hiking Safety Awareness Program and Outreach Plan

Dear Madame Speaker:

As many of us know, Guam's beauty is found both in her ocean and in her jungles. Unfortunately, recent events have reminded us just how treacherous our natural terrain can be for hikers and swimmers -- even for those who regularly take to our trails and waters. As the summer season begins, Guam's residents are exploring our natural environment in greater numbers. Bill 241-35 (COR), which I have signed into law as **Public Law No. 35-87**, directs the Department of Parks and Recreation to develop a Rip Current and Hiking Safety Awareness Program and Outreach Plan.

Thank you to the fourteen members of the Legislature who recognized that educating members of our community is critical to safeguarding them. We should encourage appreciation and safe exploration of our island home. This law does just that.

Senseremente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

Maga'hågan Guåhan

Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 241-35 (COR) *nka Public Law 35-87*

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

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 241-35 (COR)**, “AN ACT TO *ADD A NEW § 72110 TO CHAPTER 72, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING A RIP CURRENT AND HIKING SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM AND OUTREACH PLAN,*” was on the 15th day of June 2020, duly and regularly passed.



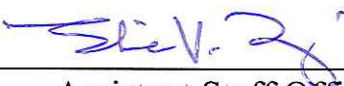
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Speaker

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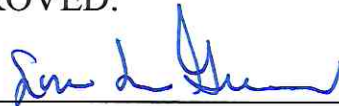
Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 15th day of June,
2020, at 4:57 o'clock P.M.



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APPROVED:



Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 6/26/2020

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Bill No. 241-35 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, Hagåtña Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs; and further amended on the Floor.

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AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 72110 TO CHAPTER 72, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING A RIP CURRENT AND HIKING SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM AND OUTREACH PLAN.

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

2 **Section 1.** A new § 72110 is hereby *added* to Chapter 72 of Title 10, Guam
3 Code Annotated, to read:

1 **“§ 72110. Rip Current and Hiking Safety Awareness Program**
2 **and Outreach Plan.**

3 (a) The Department of Parks and Recreation shall, subject to the
4 availability of funds, prepare and implement a public safety awareness
5 program, which may include general public safety awareness materials, to
6 educate swimmers, hikers, visitors, and the general public on the hazards of
7 rip currents and hiking. Such public safety awareness program shall include,
8 but not be limited to:

9 (1) information about the risks of swimming and hiking in
10 hazardous conditions;

11 (2) methods for staying informed about weather conditions;

12 (3) areas that regularly pose hiking and rip current threats;

13 (4) information about how to identify, avoid, and survive
14 hiking and rip current threats;

15 (5) information about safety rules and guidelines, and how to
16 read safety signage posted at public beaches and hiking trails;

17 (6) how to report drownings and missing persons; and

18 (7) information on available emergency services.

19 General public safety awareness materials may include pamphlets,
20 brochures, posters, advertisements in mass media, and any other appropriate
21 media. Such public safety awareness programs and materials shall be
22 evaluated periodically to ensure their effectiveness and information accuracy.

23 (b) The Department of Parks and Recreation shall, subject to the
24 availability of funds, prepare and transmit an outreach plan on rip current and
25 hiking safety awareness to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* no later than ninety (90)
26 calendar days from the enactment of this Act. The outreach plan shall:

1 (1) identify swimming hazards at beaches, rivers and
2 waterfalls, and hiking hazards along hiking trails;

3 (2) identify areas with strong rip currents and areas prone to
4 flash floods, especially near trails with rivers and waterfalls, and areas
5 with hazardous hiking conditions;

6 (3) identify or create safety guidelines to be placed on signage
7 at beaches with strong rip currents and at major hiking trailheads,
8 especially for hiking trails including rivers, caves, cliffs, and waterfalls;

9 (4) identify local, regional, or national funding or grant
10 opportunities for the program, and identify other programs with like
11 objectives that may be sources of information, funding, or networking;

12 (5) recommend any other means to create awareness and
13 understanding of hazardous conditions and to avoid or mitigate
14 hazardous conditions, including the creation of improved
15 environmental conditions such as planting along major hiking trails,
16 which may help to mitigate erosion; and

17 (6) include a plan of action to implement the public safety
18 awareness program.

19 (c) The Guam Fire Department, the Guam Department of
20 Agriculture, the Guam Visitors Bureau, and the Bureau of Statistics and Plans
21 shall, subject to the availability of funds, provide technical assistance and
22 technical support as is feasible to the Department of Parks and Recreation in
23 the creation and implementation of the safety awareness program and
24 outreach plan as required by this Section.

25 (d) The Department of Parks and Recreation is also encouraged to
26 solicit the assistance of federal partners, such as the National Weather Service,

1 Joint Region Marianas, and the U.S. Coast Guard, in the identification of
2 hazards and the technical evaluation of hazard responses.”

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