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June 26, 2020

HONORABLE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker
I Mina’trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
35th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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.

Sensereemente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga’hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 241-35 (COR) nka Public Law 35-87
cc via email: Sigundo Maga’låhen Guåhan
Compiler of Laws
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.

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker

Attested:

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.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga’håga’s Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga’hågan Guåhan

Date: 6/26/2020

Public Law No. 35-87
IMINTRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

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 Code Annotated, to read:
“§ 72110. Rip Current and Hiking Safety Awareness Program and Outreach Plan.

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

(1) information about the risks of swimming and hiking in hazardous conditions;
(2) methods for staying informed about weather conditions;
(3) areas that regularly pose hiking and rip current threats;
(4) information about how to identify, avoid, and survive hiking and rip current threats;
(5) information about safety rules and guidelines, and how to read safety signage posted at public beaches and hiking trails;
(6) how to report drownings and missing persons; and
(7) information on available emergency services.

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

(b) The Department of Parks and Recreation shall, subject to the availability of funds, prepare and transmit an outreach plan on rip current and hiking safety awareness to I Liheslaturan Guåhan no later than ninety (90) calendar days from the enactment of this Act. The outreach plan shall:
(1) identify swimming hazards at beaches, rivers and waterfalls, and hiking hazards along hiking trails;

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) The Department of Parks and Recreation is also encouraged to solicit the assistance of federal partners, such as the National Weather Service,
Joint Region Marianas, and the U.S. Coast Guard, in the identification of hazards and the technical evaluation of hazard responses.”

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