

MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that **Substitute Bill No. 372-30 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §13201(b) OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 13, TITLE 19 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE REPORTING OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT BY CLERGY PERSONNEL OF CHURCHES, OR OTHER RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS,"** returned without approval of *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*, was reconsidered by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and after such consideration, did agree, on the 21st day of December, 2010, to pass said bill notwithstanding the veto of *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* by a vote of Ten (10) Members.

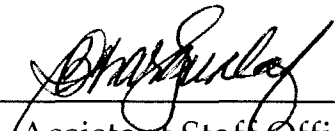


Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.
Speaker

Attested:


Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* this 23 day of Dec., 2010, at 10:35 o'clock P.M.



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Bill No. 372-30 (COR)

As substituted on the Floor and amended.

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CLERGY PERSONNEL OF CHURCHES, OR OTHER
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that recent allegations of clergy sexual abuse within the Catholic Church has
4 compelled the Vatican to issue an edict within the Congregation for the Doctrine

1 concerning Sexual Abuse Allegations that states, “Civil law concerning reporting
2 of crimes to the appropriate authorities should always be followed.” This
3 statement clarifies the Church’s intent to comply with civil reporting laws.
4 Therefore, *I Liheslatura* finds that a statutory amendment is necessary to help law
5 enforcement officials and Guam’s children.

6 **Section 2.** §13201(b) of Article 2, Chapter 13 of Title 19, Guam Code
7 Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

8 “(b) Persons required to report suspected child abuse under
9 Subsection (a) include, *but are not limited to*, any licensed physician,
10 medical examiner, dentist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor, podiatrist,
11 intern, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, hospital personnel engaged
12 in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons, Christian
13 Science practitioner, clergy member of any religious faith, or other similar
14 functionary or employee of any church, place of worship, or other religious
15 organization whose primary duties consist of teaching, spreading the faith,
16 church governance, supervision of a religious order, or supervision or
17 participation in religious ritual and worship, school administrator, school
18 teacher, school nurse, school counselor, social services worker, day care
19 center worker, or any other child care or foster care worker, mental health
20 professional, peace officer or law enforcement official.”