



I 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", was on the 30th day of November 2010, duly and regularly passed.

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Bill No. 372-30 (COR)

As substituted on the Floor and amended.

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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
- 5 concerning Sexual Abuse Allegations that states, "Civil law concerning reporting

- 1 of crimes to the appropriate authorities should always be followed." This
- 2 statement clarifies the Church's intent to comply with civil reporting laws.
- 3 Therefore, *I Liheslatura* finds that a statutory amendment is necessary to help law
- 4 enforcement officials and Guam's children.

- **Section 2.** §13201(b) of Article 2, Chapter 13 of Title 19, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:
 - "(b) Persons required to report suspected child abuse under Subsection (a) include, but are not limited to, any licensed physician, medical examiner, dentist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor, podiatrist, intern, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons, Christian Science practitioner, clergy member of any religious faith, or other similar functionary or employee of any church, place of worship, or other religious organization whose primary duties consist of teaching, spreading the faith, church governance, supervision of a religious order, or supervision or participation in religious ritual and worship, school administrator, school teacher, school nurse, school counselor, social services worker, day care center worker, or any other child care or foster care worker, mental health professional, peace officer or law enforcement official."