



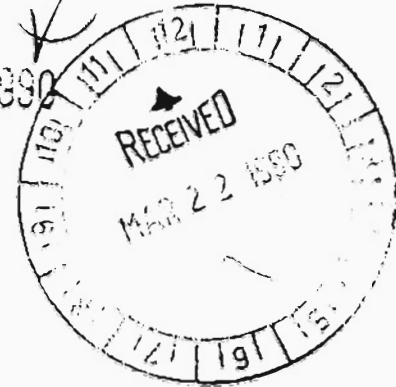
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The Honorable Joe T. San Agustin
Speaker
Twentieth Guam Legislature
Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Substitute Bill No. 431 which I have signed into law this date as Public Law 20-159.

For the past several months, this administration has been addressing the need to provide services to the growing number of homeless people on our island. Recently, the Department of Public Health and Social Services awarded a contract to Catholic Social Services to open a shelter, to provide temporary housing and which will serve two meals daily. A service center known as a drop in center will assist the homeless in obtaining government services such as counseling, medical care, housing, employment, schooling and so forth. To date this project has been funded through federal funds.

However, as we face an ever increasing number of homeless people on Guam, we must also face the requirement for use of local funds. I note that the measure states how local appropriations may be used but fails to make any appropriation. If the department is unable to fully implement the needed program without local funds, I will seek funding. For now, the current contract will soon alleviate many of the critical needs of our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Cordially,

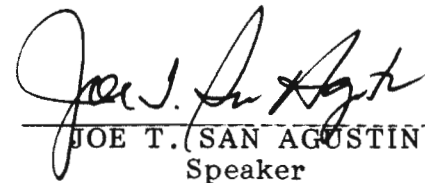
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TWENTIETH GUAM LEGISLATURE
1990 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 431 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 16 TO TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE HOMELESS," was on the 7th day of March, 1990, duly and regularly passed.



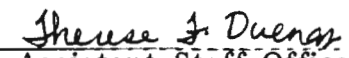
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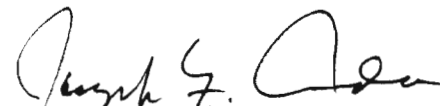
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Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 9th day of March, 1990,
at 4:52 o'clock p.m.



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Governor's Office

APPROVED:



JOSEPH F. ADA
Governor of Guam

Date: MAR 21 1990

Public Law No. 20-159

TWENTIETH GUAM LEGISLATURE
1990 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 431 (COR)
As substituted by the
Committee on Rules

Introduced by:

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3 help provide shelter and essential social services to homeless individuals so
4 that these individuals may have access not only to safe and sanitary
5 shelter, but also to gainful employment and other supportive services they
6 may need to make their lives better.

7 Section 2. Chapter 16 is hereby added to Title 10, Guam Code
8 Annotated, to read:

1 "Chapter 16

2 Assistance to the Homeless

3 §16101. Definitions. As used in this Chapter, unless the context
4 requires a different meaning:

5 (a) "Shelter" means any facility with sleeping
6 accommodations and acceptable sanitary facilities, the primary
7 purpose of which to provide temporary shelter to the homeless.
8 This definition encompasses transitional housing and similar
9 arrangements that provide longer term accommodations, so long as
10 the maximum length of stay does not exceed twelve months.

11 (b) "Department" means the the Department of Public Health
12 and Social Services.

13 (c) "Homeless" means families or individuals who are
14 economically disadvantaged and have no access to shelter.

15 §16102. Administration. It is the duties and responsibility of the
16 Department to initiate and administer a pilot program for the homeless.
17 The Department shall with its own personnel and facilities:

18 (a) Conduct an island-wide assessment of the homeless
19 situation. Such survey must include the following: Numbers,
20 ages, ethnicity and gender, the nature and extent of the
21 problems relating to homelessness, the immediate and long term
22 needs of the homeless in Guam;

23 (b) Survey existing programs that provide to the homeless
24 population;

25 (c) Establish criteria for eligibility of services under this
26 Chapter, which criteria should include consideration of:

27 1. Individuals who because of personal/domestic and/or
28 financial problems are forced to move out of their place of
29 residence.

30 2. Newly arrived immigrants to the Guam.

31 3. Elderly and disabled adults who are not wanted by
32 their families.

33 4. Persons who temporarily reside with friends or
34 families.

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5. Persons in transit on island who do not have living accommodations.

6. Families with children.

(d) Formulate plans and policies with the Agency for Human Resources Development or the Department of Labor for job training and job placement for the homeless in order to enable them to develop and maintain their potential skills and abilities;

(e) Cooperate with civic, businesses and community organizations or groups which provide or sponsor programs and services beneficial to the homeless;

(f) Keep the Governor, the Legislature, the municipal mayors and the general public informed on all major developments and achievements in programs and services for the homeless;

(g) Apply and receive Federal grants or other forms of assistance for the homeless.

§16103. Eligible activities. Appropriations under this Chapter may be used for:

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§16104. Ineligible activities. Appropriation under this Chapter may not be used for:

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§16105. Non-discrimination requirements. Shelter provided under this Chapter may not be denied on the basis of race, color, age, religion, sex, or national origin.

TWENTIETH GUAM LEGISLATURE
1989 (FIRST) Regular Session

ROLL CALL SHEET

Bill No. 431

Date: 3/7/90

Resolution No. _____

QUESTION: _____

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>NOT VOTING</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
J. P. Aguon	✓			
E. P. Arriola	✓			
J. G. Bamba		✓		
M. Z. Bordallo	✓			
D. F. Brooks		✓		
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Twentieth Guam Legislature
1989 (First) Regular Session

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Bill No. 431 (COR)
Introduced by:

E.P. Arriola *EPA*

**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER TO TITLE
10, GCA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE HOMELESS
ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1989**

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Section 2. Definitions. As used in this Chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

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- (b) "Department" means the Department of Public Health and Social Services.
- (c) "Homeless" means families and individuals who are poor and have no access to shelter.

Section 3. Administration. It is the duties and responsibility of the Department to initiate and administer a pilot program for the homeless. The Department shall:

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Section 6. Non-discrimination requirements. Shelter may not be denied on the basis of race, color, age, religion, sex, or national origin.

Section 7. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) from the General Fund to the Department of Public Health and Social Services for the implementation and administration of this Act.

SENATOR ELIZABETH P. ARRIOLA

Chairperson

Committee on Youth, Senior Citizens,
Cultural Affairs and Human Resources

20-159



Twentieth
Guam Legislature

February 6, 1990

The Honorable Joe T. San Agustin
Speaker
Twentieth Guam Legislature
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Agana, Guam 96910

VIA: Chairman, Committee on Rules

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Youth, Senior Citizens, Cultural Affairs and Human Resources to which were referred Bill No. 431 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER TO TITLE 10, GCA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1989", has had the same under consideration and now wishes to report back its recommendation.

Committee votes received:

<u>TO DO PASS</u>	<u>TO NOT PASS</u>	<u>REPORT OUT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
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Attached herewith are the Committee Report and other pertinent documents for your perusal.

Sincerely,

ELIZABETH P. ARRIOLA

Attachments

COMMITTEE REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, SENIOR CITIZENS, CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND
HUMAN RESOURCES
ON BILL NO. 431 (COR)

Bill No. 431 - AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER
TO TITLE 10, GCA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1989.

PREFACE

The Committee on Youth, Senior Citizens, Cultural Affairs and Human Resources held a public hearing in the Legislative Session Hall on November 28, 1989, to receive testimony on **Bill No. 431 (COR)**. The hearing was conducted by Committee Chairperson, Senator Elizabeth P. Arriola and attended by Senators Frank R. Santos, Pilar C. Lujan, Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Thomas V. C. Tanaka and Martha C. Ruth.

TESTIMONY

Dr. Kirk Bellis, Psychiatrist, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, submitted written testimony in support of Bill 431. Dr. Bellis stated that "the intent of the bill shows "the needs of many displaced and dispossessed individuals are not going unnoticed by the Legislative body and the people of Guam".

Dr. Leticia V. Espaldon, Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, submitted written comments at a later date in support of Bill No. 431.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on Youth, Senior Citizens, Cultural Affairs and Human Resources, to which was referred **Bill No. 431 - "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER TO TITLE 10, GCA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1989"**, as substituted has had the same under consideration, and now wishes to report back the same with the recommendation of the Committee members as reflected on the attached vote sheet.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Written testimony from Dr. Kirk Bellis, D. O., Psychiatrist, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse.
2. Written testimony from Dr. Leticia V. Espaldon, Director, Department of Public Health and Social Services

Twentieth Guam Legislature
1990 (Second) Regular Session

Bill No. 431

as Substituted by the
Committee on Youth, Senior Citizens, Cultural Affairs
and Human Resources

Introduced by:

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SENATOR HERMINIA D. DIERKING
CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON RULES

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairperson, Committee on Ways and Means
Committee on Housing and Community
Development
Committee on Health, Welfare and Ecology
Committee on Youth, Human Resources, Senior
Citizens and Cultural Affairs

FROM: Chairperson, Committee on Rules

SUBJECT: Referral - Bill No. 431

The above bill is referred to your Committee. Please note that the referral is subject to ratification by the Committee on Rules at its next meeting.

It is recommended that a joint hearing be coordinated with the Committees involved.

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Enclosure

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DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

"People Caring For People"

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Deputy Director

November 27, 1989

Senator Madeleine Z. Bordallo
Chairperson, Committee on Health,
Welfare and Ecology
Twentieth Guam Legislature
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Agana, Guam 96910

Re: Bill No. 548 and Bill 431

Dear Senator Bordallo:

I applaud the thinking and caring which both Bills 548 and 431 propose. I think they show that the needs of many displaced and dispossessed individuals are not going unnoticed by the legislative body and the people of Guam.

I think in order for these Bills to have an effect at the level intended (i.e., servicing the homeless). One very important aspect needs addressing, that is the personnel who would help administer the programs. Specifically I am referring to the need for competent social workers especially masters level social workers which is willfully lacking on Guam. We currently have four (4) full-time psychiatrists at the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse and are flourishing and excited about the future. I also realize that the future is going to be diminished if we are not able to increase the number of essential people needed to implement the programs you propose.

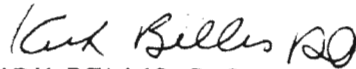
As a psychiatrist with two years experience on Guam, I can say without hesitation that the social workers which we currently have do a great job with the tremendous amount of work and stress placed upon them. I see this in Department of Education, the Diagnostic and Treatment Services Unit, Child Protective Services and in my department at Mental Health and Substance Abuse. If we don't consider an active approach to recruitment similar to what took place at Guam Memorial Hospital for nurses, I perceive professional loss increasing and ultimately the needs of the people you wish to service will go unmet. Therefore, I support Bill 548 which is the alternative placement program only to the extent that it is an administrative program in nature and that this administrative role that it plays to develop criteria, license programs, establish standards and monitor the placement system are definitely a needed item in the continuum of care. I think not only does prevention need to be paid attention to but in home treatment such as treatment teams of social workers in the homes of these troubled individuals to better facilitate keeping these children out of the system which is already overloaded. I think it would also help to decrease the need for more therapeutic foster homes and group homes if we are able to treat the children in their home environment.

Senator Madeleine Z. Bordallo
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I have enclosed a recent article from American Psychiatric Association about empowering families when treating disturbed youth.

Again, I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter and I hope I can be of service to the legislators as time goes on with the implementation of these programs. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



KIRK BELLIS, D.O.
Psychiatrist, Department of Mental
Health and Substance Abuse

Enclosure

cc: Director, DMHSA

Taking Issue

More Power to the Families

Hospitals and clinics, by their very nature, undermine family members and their authority by creating an aura that experts will fix the patient. Since most conditions we treat do not have rapid positive outcomes, we must reverse that dynamic and create strategies that allow family members to become the experts.

In the past 25 years treatment approaches have changed greatly. Consumer families are actualizing their inherent power through advocacy movements. Such changes require us to reevaluate our traditional relationship with patients and their family members. When treatment is long term or unsuccessful, it is not the "experts" but the family members who suffer the havoc and pain. We must support families, not supplant them.

Families have always had what we do not have: the inherent power to facilitate change. The question is how to tap their expertise and power. A staff's power to bring about change exists only in the context of a positive relationship with those desiring change. To ignore or disparage family members disempowers treatment, just as when family members disparage treatment.

Our focus should be on harnessing the neglected power within families. What needs changing may not totally reside within the patient or family but may relate to how the family and treatment system organize around the patient. How decisions are made and implemented determines that organization.

Traditionally, staff have had power over treatment decisions, while families have had control over whether the treatment is carried out. I believe that the decision-making power should be distributed differently in both the family and treatment systems and have attempted to do so in my own practice. I prescribe a approach in which the staff, while maintaining legal responsibility, delegate to appropriate family members the authority for all treatment decisions. Staff function only as consultants, with no authority to change family decisions unless there is risk of harm or liability. The staff's expertise is used in helping the family decide what they and the staff will do, or do differently, in their family member's treatment. However, staff must stop short of imposing a decision on the family.

A staff's traditional authority to make treatment decisions is not the equivalent of power to bring about change. That power derives only from our relationship with those who desire change, in this case patients and/or their families. We must decide whether to supplant or support these families. One way to support them is to put them back in charge.—MICHAEL R. FOX, M.D., *clinical assistant professor of psychiatry, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore*

Hospital and Community Psychiatry, established in 1950 by Daniel Blain, M.D., is published monthly by the American Psychiatric Association for staff members of facilities and agencies concerned with the care of the mentally disabled, in keeping with the association's objectives to improve care and treatment, to promote research and professional education in mental health and related fields, and to advance the standards of all mental health services and facilities.

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Senator Elizabeth P. Arriola
Chairperson, Committee on Youth, Senior Citizens,
Cultural Affairs and Human Resources
Twentieth Guam Legislature
Agana, Guam 96910

Re: Comments on Bill No. 431

Dear Senator:

My name is Dr. Leticia V. Espaldon, Director of Public Health and Social Services. I am here to present testimony on Bill No. 431 - An Act To A New Chapter to Title 10, GCA, To Be Known As the Homeless Assistance Act. of 1989.

The Department is in support of the Legislative intent of Bill No. 431. The plight regarding Guam's homeless is not new. Our agency has identified lapse monies from fiscal year 1989 and is in the process of advertising a Request for Proposal for the Homeless. Program personnel and staff from the Governor's Office developed a RFP and we intend to purchase shelter and support services for these individuals.

I recommend that the bill be revised to address the following concerns:

(For the purpose of clarity, we have enumerated the department's concerns to follow the bill's original format.)

Section 1.

The Department is in full support of Section 1 as written.

Section 2.

Definitions:

- a. "Shelter" means any facility with sleeping accommodations and acceptable sanitary facilities, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary shelter to the homeless. This definition encompasses transitional housing and similar arrangements that provide longer term accommodations, so long as the maximum length of stay does not exceed 12 months.
- b. "Homeless" means families and/or individuals who are not poor and are in need of shelter.

Section 3.

Please note that the additional comments change the original lettering.

- a. Conduct an island-wide assessment of the homeless situation. Survey must include the following demographics - numbers, ages, ethnicity and gender. Also, the nature and extent of the problems relating to homelessness. A result of the review must clearly identify and quantify the immediate and long term needs of the homeless in Guam.
- b. Survey existing programs that provides services to the homeless population.
- c. Establish criteria for eligibility of services under this appropriation. Issues to be considered are:
 1. Individuals who because of personal/domestic and/or financial problems are forced to move out of their place or residence.
 2. Newly arrived immigrants to the island.
 3. Elderly and disabled adults who are not wanted by their families.
 4. Persons who temporarily reside with friends or families.
 5. Persons in transit on island who do not have living accomodations.
 6. Families with children.

(b) Amend to read:

We recommend the words "or consolidated" be deleted.

Federal regulations may prohibit consolidation of programs within the Department. Those found outside of the Department would even less likely to be consolidated. The Department can coordinate and network services to the homeless.

(f) delete

Section 4.

No changes

Section 5.

Amend to read:

(b) religious organizations, and/or private entitles.

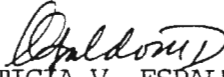
Section 7.

Until a needs assessment is completed the \$300,000 appropriation is a bit premature. The size of the need should dictate the amount of funding.

In closing, I would like to commend Senator Arriola for her interest and effort in responding to the plight of the homeless.

Caring about supporting and being responsive to the needs of the most vulnerable members of our community is the central theme of the Department's mission.

Sincerely,



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