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268-38 (COR) As amended by the Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks, and Infrastructure; and substituted on the Floor.	Chris Barnett V. Anthony Ada Sabina Flores Perez Therese M. Terlaje Telo T. Taitague	AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 77134 TO ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 77, TITLE 21 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO CREATING A BEACH AND COAST WARNING AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS.	2/5/26 4:46 p.m.	2/11/26	Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks, and Infrastructure.	Request: 2/11/26 2/18/26	8/25/26 8:30 a.m.	9/16/26 As Amended.	

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THE HON. FRANK BLAS, JR., *Speaker*
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38th Guam Legislature
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Re: Bill No. 268-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 77134 TO ARTICLE 1, OF CHAPTER 77, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING A BEACH AND COAST WARNING AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS."

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

Bill No. 268-38 (COR) establishes a uniform beach and coastal warning system using standardized warning flags and clearly posted signs to help beach goers recognize hazardous conditions and make informed decisions before entering the water.

The Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) will oversee implementation of the program in coordination with the Mayors' Council of Guam and the Guam Fire Department. Within 180 days of enactment, the Department must submit an implementation plan to the Legislature outlining how the program will operate and identifying the funding necessary to establish and maintain it.

Our beaches are central to life on Guam and an important part of the experience we share with visitors. By making coastal hazards easier to recognize and understand, this legislation will help residents and visitors make safer decisions, prevent avoidable injuries, and save lives.

For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 268-38 (COR) into law as **Public Law No. 38-149.**

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
I Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 268-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 77134 TO ARTICLE 1, OF CHAPTER 77, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING A BEACH AND COAST WARNING AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS,"** was on the 16th day of October 2026, duly and regularly passed.

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Attested:

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 19th day of October, 2026, at 4:53 o'clock P.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
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Bill No. 268-38 (COR)
As amended by the Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks, and Infrastructure; and substituted on the Floor.

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AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 77134 TO ARTICLE 1, OF CHAPTER 77, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING A BEACH AND COAST WARNING AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. A new § 77134 is *added* to Article 1 of Chapter 77, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

"§ 77134. **Beaches and coastal areas; display of uniform warning and safety flags at public beaches; placement of uniform notification signs; beach safety education.**

(a) It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* that a cooperative effort among Government of Guam agencies be undertaken to plan for and assist in the display of uniform warning and safety flags, and the placement of uniform notification signs that provide the meaning of such warning and safety flags, at public beaches along the coast of the island. Because the varying natural conditions of Guam's public beaches and coastal areas pose significant risks to the safety of tourists and the general public, it is important to inform the public of the need to exercise caution.

(b) The Department of Parks and Recreation, shall direct and coordinate the uniform warning and safety flag program. The purpose of the program shall be to provide for the display of uniform warning and safety flags at appropriate and applicable public beaches along the coast of the island under the jurisdiction of the Department and to provide for the placement of uniform notification signs that provide the meaning of such flags. The program shall also encourage participation by other government entities having jurisdiction over public beaches. Unless additional safety and warning devices are authorized pursuant to paragraph (e) *infra* subsection (f), only warning and safety flags adopted by the Department shall be displayed as part of the program. Participation in the program shall be open to any government having jurisdiction over a public beach along the coast, whether or not the beach has lifeguards. The Department shall inform such government entities of the opportunity to participate in the program.

(c) The Department of Parks and Recreation shall develop a program for the display of uniform warning and safety flags at public beaches along

the coast of the island and for the placement of uniform notification signs that provide the meaning of the flags displayed. Such program shall provide:

(1) For posted notification of the meaning of each of the warning and safety flags at all designated public access points.

(2) That uniform notification signs be posted in a conspicuous location and be clearly legible.

(3) A standard size, shape, color, and definition for each warning and safety flag, developed after review of recognized beach and coastal warning systems and applicable practices.

(4) The Department of Parks and Recreation is authorized, within the limits of appropriations or grants available to it for such purposes, to establish and operate a program to encourage the display of uniform warning and safety flags at public beaches along the coast of the island and to encourage the placement of uniform notification signs that provide the meaning of the flags displayed shall establish standards and operating procedures for the administration of the program. In developing such standards and procedures, the Department shall review and adopt applicable best practices for determining when warning and safety flags should be posted, changed, or removed and the information, conditions, or advice upon which such determinations should be based. The Department shall coordinate the implementation of the uniform warning and safety flag program with the Mayors' Council of Guam and the Guam Fire Department, and shall consult, as appropriate, with local and federal agencies and subject-matter experts. The Department shall remain responsible for the administration of the program and for determinations made pursuant to the standards and operating procedures adopted under this Section.

(d) Within one hundred eighty (180) days after enactment of this Act, the Department of Parks and Recreation shall complete an implementation plan for the uniform warning and safety flag program and submit the plan to the Legislative Secretary of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. The implementation plan shall:

(1) identify each public beach under the jurisdiction of the Department and identify those beaches at which the program will be implemented;

(2) identify any public beach under the jurisdiction of the Department at which implementation is determined to be inappropriate or impracticable and briefly state the basis for that determination;

(3) identify public beaches under the jurisdiction of other government entities that have elected to participate in the program;

(4) establish the flag colors, meanings, notification signs, operating procedures, and other components necessary to implement the program, including the manner in which the program will address periods during which no warning or safety flag is displayed

(5) state the date on which implementation of the program will begin;

(6) identify the resources necessary to implement and operate the program and separately identify estimated one-time implementation costs and recurring operating costs;

(7) identify existing Department resources, existing appropriations, and available grants that may be used to implement and operate the program; and

(8) if full implementation or operation of the program requires funding that cannot be provided through existing Department

resources, existing appropriations, or available grants, specifically identify the additional amount required and the purposes for which such additional funding is necessary. The need for additional funding shall not prevent implementation of those portions of the program that can be accomplished using existing Department resources, existing appropriations, or available grants.

(e) Due to the inherent danger of constantly changing surf and other naturally occurring conditions along Guam's coast, government entities or authorities, and their individual employees and agents, shall not be held liable for any injury or loss of life caused by changing surf and other naturally occurring conditions along coastal areas, whether or not uniform warning and safety flags or notification signs developed by the Department are displayed or posted.

(f) The Department of Parks and Recreation, may develop and make available to the public other educational information and materials related to beach safety and may also authorize governmental agencies to use additional safety and warning devices in conjunction with the display of uniform warning and safety flags at public beaches."