

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
106-38 (COR) As amended by the Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Justice, Elections and Retirement.	William A. Parkinson	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> SUBSECTION (b) OF §60.80, CHAPTER 60, TITLE 8 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROHIBITING PLEA DEALS WITHOUT REASONABLE PROOF OF VICTIM NOTIFICATION.	4/9/25 12:47 p.m. 4/21/25 3:33 p.m.	4/25/25	Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement.	Request: 4/25/25 Waiver: 4/29/25	6/4/25 2:00 p.m.	7/1/25 As Amended.	
	SESSION DATE	TITLE	DATE PASSED	TRANSMITTED	DUE DATE	PUBLIC LAW NO.	DATE SIGNED	NOTES	
	7/28/25	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 60.80(b) OF CHAPTER 60, TITLE 8, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROHIBITING PLEA DEALS WITHOUT REASONABLE PROOF OF VICTIM NOTIFICATION.	7/31/25	8/6/25	8/18/25	38-51	8/18/25	Received: 8/18/25 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 38GL-25-1061	



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38GL-25-1061
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
FRANK F. BLAS JR.

Transmitted via Email to: speakerblas@guamlegislature.org

August 18, 2025

THE HON. FRANK BLAS, JR., Speaker
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38th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
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Hagåtña, Guam 96910

AUG 18 2025
Time: 4:30 pm
Received: [Signature]

Re: Bill No. 106-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 60.80(b) OF CHAPTER 60, TITLE 8, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROHIBITING PLEA DEALS WITHOUT REASONABLE PROOF OF VICTIM NOTIFICATION."

Bill 155-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 19, GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS, RELATIVE TO ADOPTING 'THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF VICTIM CLAIMS' ATTACHED HERETO AS 'EXHIBIT A'."

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

Bills 106 and 155 are about crime victim's rights, preserving their safety, dignity, and well-being. These bills recognize that behind every crime statistic is a human being who has suffered deeply.

At its core, Bill 106 reflects the simple truth that our justice system must respect the dignity and voices of those most affected by crime: the victims. Too often, victims have faced the painful reality of learning about plea deals after the fact, blindsided and retraumatized by a system that should have supported them. Bill 106-38 changes that. It acknowledges that victims are integral to the justice process and deserve to be informed, heard, and respected. It ensures that no plea agreement can proceed without documented proof that good-faith efforts have been made to notify victims, and gives the victims an opportunity to voice their concerns. Ultimately, Bill 106 adds transparency to our local justice system and enables the victims of crimes to be heard.

Bill 155 further supports victim rights by establishing a procedural framework and standards through the adoption of the Rules and Regulations for Adjudication of Victims Claims. The Guam Criminal Injuries Compensation Act was established to support victims who frequently experience emotional, physical, and financial trauma due to circumstances beyond their control. These revised regulations provide structure to claims processing while safeguarding the confidentiality and dignity of victims. They also reinforce fiscal responsibility in administering compensation from public funds.

To: The Hon. Frank Blas, Jr., *Speaker*
Fr: The Hon. Joshua F. Tenorio, *Acting Governor of Guam*
Date: August 18, 2025
Re: Bill No. 106-38 (COR) and Bill No. 155-38 (COR)

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With the enactment of these laws, Guam takes a significant step forward in providing support and justice to those affected by criminal acts. I thereby sign Bill No. 106-38 (COR) into law as **Public Law No. 38-51**, and Bill No. 155-38 (COR) as **Public Law No. 38-52**.

Senseraamente,



JOSHUA F. TENORIO

I Åkto Maga'låhen Guåhan

Acting Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 106-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-51

Bill No. 155-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-52

cc via email: *Honorable* Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam
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COMMITTEE ON RULES

August 18, 2025

7:16 p.m.

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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 106-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 60.80(b) OF CHAPTER 60, TITLE 8, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROHIBITING PLEA DEALS WITHOUT REASONABLE PROOF OF VICTIM NOTIFICATION,"** was on the 31st day of July 2025, duly and regularly passed.



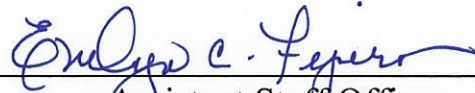
Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

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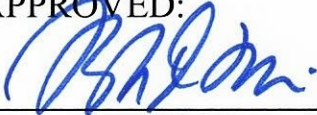
V. Anthony Ada
Acting Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 6th day of August,
2025, at 7:58 o'clock A.M.



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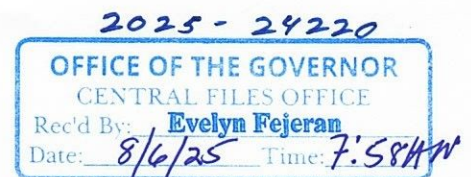
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JOSHUA F. TENORIO
ACTING GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Date: August 18, 2025

Public Law No. 38-51



I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 106-38 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Economic Investment,
Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Regulatory Affairs,
Technology, Justice, Elections and Retirement.

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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 60.80(b) OF CHAPTER 60, TITLE
8, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
PROHIBITING PLEA DEALS WITHOUT REASONABLE
PROOF OF VICTIM NOTIFICATION.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Plea Bargaining Regulated. Subsection (b) of § 60.80 of
Chapter 60, Title 8, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended*, to read:

“(b) If a plea agreement has been reached by the parties which
contemplates entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere in the expectation

1 that a specified sentence will be imposed or that other charges before the court
2 will be dismissed, the court shall require the disclosure of the agreement in
3 open court at the time the plea is offered. Thereupon, the court may accept or
4 reject the agreement, or may defer its decision as to acceptance or rejection
5 until there has been an opportunity to consider the presentence report. No plea
6 agreement shall be accepted by the court unless the agreement includes a
7 certification by a victim advocate of the Office of the Attorney General's
8 Crime Victim's Response Unit assigned to the case, affirming one of the
9 following:

10 (1) the victim has been notified of the terms of the plea
11 agreement and has indicated agreement; or

12 (2) the victim has been notified of the terms of the plea
13 agreement and has indicated disagreement; or

14 (3) reasonable and documented attempts were made to notify
15 the victim of the terms of the plea agreement, but the victim did not
16 respond; or

17 (4) reasonable and documented attempts were made to notify
18 the victim of the terms of the plea agreement, but the victim could not
19 be located.

20 Such certification shall be attached to the plea agreement submitted to
21 the court, and the court shall not accept any plea agreement lacking such
22 certification."