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9/28/26	AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 121202(b)(1) TO ARTICLE 12 OF CHAPTER 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REGULATING THE TRAINING OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS TO ALLOW FOR SUPERVISION IN GUAM.	10/16/26	10/19/26	10/30/26	38-150	10/30/26	Received: 10/30/26 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 38GL-26-3128

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THE HON. FRANK BLAS, JR., *Speaker*
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Re: Bill No. 308-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 121202(b)(1) TO ARTICLE 12 OF CHAPTER 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REGULATING THE TRAINING OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS TO ALLOW FOR SUPERVISION IN GUAM."

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

Bill No. 308-38 (COR) strengthens Guam's ability to train and retain clinical psychologists by expanding opportunities to complete the supervised experience required for licensure. Under current law, applicants must complete two years of internship, including at least one year after receiving their doctorate. This legislation establishes a framework that allows qualified graduates to complete the one-year postdoctoral requirement through an approved supervised experience program, including programs offered here on Guam.

The bill recognizes postdoctoral residency programs accredited by the American Psychological Association without requiring additional approval by Guam. It also allows secure, real-time remote supervision under standards established by the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners. These changes will provide greater flexibility for qualified graduates while maintaining important safeguards for patient care.

For graduates who want to build their careers on Guam, access to supervised training can make the difference between remaining on our island and seeking opportunities elsewhere. By establishing a clear framework, we can help more qualified professionals complete the requirements for licensure on Guam and strengthen our ability to recruit and retain clinical psychologists. This legislation represents another step toward improving access to mental health care for our families and communities.

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For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 308-38 (COR) into law as **Public Law No. 38-150.**

Senseramente,

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

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 308-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-150
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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 308-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 121202(b)(1) TO ARTICLE 12 OF CHAPTER 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REGULATING THE TRAINING OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS TO ALLOW FOR SUPERVISION IN GUAM,"** 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
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 10/30/2026

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Bill No. 308-38 (COR)
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that clinical psychologists are crucial in providing care in mental and behavioral health and wellbeing for people on our island. Over one billion people globally are living with mental health disorders, and the island of Guam is not excluded from this count. Clinical psychologists aid in the diagnosis and treatment of these disorders.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that it is difficult for interns in clinical psychology to find opportunities to complete post-doctorate training before licensure. Throughout the states, in compliance with national guidelines for psychology, licensed clinical psychologists are able to supervise students and interns of psychology so that they may obtain the clinical hours required for licensure.

It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to establish a clear framework for training of post-doctorate interns of clinical psychology under the Guam Board of Allied Health by adding Article 12, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated to define who can supervise these interns.

Section 2. A new § 121202(b)(1) is *added* to Article 12 of Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"(1) An individual who has not completed one (1) year of post-graduate clinical experience, or who cannot document such experience under the supervision of a Clinical Psychologist, Psychiatrist or other licensed professional deemed by the Board to be substantially equivalent, may satisfy the post-doctoral clinical experience requirement in a board-approved post-doctoral supervised experience program.

(A) The post-doctoral supervised experience program must be approved by the Board prior to the applicant's participation;

(B) Supervision shall be provided by a licensed Clinical Psychologist, Psychiatrist, or other licensed professional deemed by the board to be substantially equivalent, who is authorized to provide such supervision in the United States, its territories, or in a foreign jurisdiction that the Board determines, on a case by case basis, maintains licensure and supervision standards substantially equivalent to those of the United States:

(i) In determining substantial equivalence under this Subsection, the Board shall consider the supervisor's education, professional licensure, scope of practice, clinical experience, competency to supervise the clinical services being performed, and applicable nationally recognized professional supervision standard.

(C) Any individual providing supervision within Guam shall:

(i) hold a current and valid license as a Clinical Psychologist or other licensed profession deemed by the Board to be substantially equivalent;

(ii) have held such license for a minimum of three (3) years; and

(iii) be approved by the Board to provide supervision.

(D) A postdoctoral residency program accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA), or its successor accrediting organization, shall be deemed approved by the Board for purposes of satisfying the post-graduate clinical experience requirement under this Subsection. An applicant who successfully completes such an APA-accredited postdoctoral residency program shall be deemed to have satisfied the program approval requirement established by this Subsection, subject to the applicant otherwise meeting all applicable licensure requirements.

(E) The Board shall not require separate approval, accreditation, or substantially equivalent program review of a postdoctoral residency program that is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA), or its successor accrediting organization, as a condition of recognizing the applicant's successful

completion of such program for purposes of licensure under this Section.

(F) Supervision may be provided in person or through secure, real-time telecommunications, subject to standards established by the Board. Such standards shall ensure appropriate supervisor availability, protection of patient confidentiality, emergency response procedures, direct observation or other appropriate evaluation of clinical competency, and shall identify circumstances in which in-person supervision is required."

Section 3. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon enactment.