

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
25-38 (COR) As amended by the Committee on Finance and Government Operations; and further amended on the Floor.	Tina Rose Muña Barnes Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Vincent A.V. Borja Joe S. San Agustin V. Anthony Ada Christopher M. Dueñas Jesse A. Lujan Sabrina Salas Matanane	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 8104 OF CHAPTER 8, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO MODERNIZING PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS BY AUTHORIZING THE POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICES IN LOCALLY LICENSED ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPERS AND WEBSITES.	1/14/25 4:02 p.m. ^1/27/25 2:54 p.m.	1/31/25	Committee on Finance and Government Operations.	Request 1/31/25 Waiver 2/11/25	2/21/25 9:00 a.m.	3/6/25 As Amended.	
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3/24/25	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 8104 OF CHAPTER 8, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO MODERNIZING PUBLIC AGENCY NOTICE REQUIREMENTS BY AUTHORIZING THE POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICES IN LOCALLY LICENSED ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPERS AND WEBSITES.	3/31/25	4/1/25	4/12/25	38-3	4/12/25	Received: 4/12/25 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 38GL-25-0455		

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April 12, 2025

THE HON. FRANK BLAS, JR., Speaker
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38th Guam Legislature
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Re: Bill No. 25-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 8104 OF CHAPTER 8, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO MODERNIZING PUBLIC AGENCY NOTICE REQUIREMENTS BY AUTHORIZING THE POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICES IN LOCALLY LICENSED ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPERS AND WEBSITES."

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

Bill No. 25-38 (COR) expands the definitions of "eligible media platform" and "newspaper of general circulation" to modernize the requirements of public notices. As the technological world we live in continues to evolve, our government must adapt as well. The ability to share information via electronic media has made accessing news much easier for the average resident.

By expanding the methods in which public notices can be published, we can be assured that the average resident of Guam would be able to stay informed of government activities and actions.

For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 25-38 into law as **Public Law No. 38-3**.

Senseramente,

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

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4:27p.m. me

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 25-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-3
cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam
Compiler of Laws

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. 25-38 (COR)**, “AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 8104 OF CHAPTER 8, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO MODERNIZING PUBLIC AGENCY NOTICE REQUIREMENTS BY AUTHORIZING THE POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICES IN LOCALLY LICENSED ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPERS AND WEBSITES,” was on the 31st day of March 2025, duly and regularly passed.



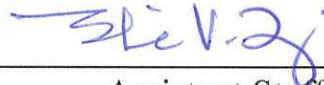
Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Attested:



Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 1st day of April, 2025, at 4:08 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:



Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 4/12/2025

Public Law No. 38-3

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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 25-38 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Finance and
Government Operations; and further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 8104 OF CHAPTER 8, TITLE 5,
GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
MODERNIZING PUBLIC AGENCY NOTICE
REQUIREMENTS BY AUTHORIZING THE POSTING
OF PUBLIC NOTICES IN LOCALLY LICENSED
ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPERS AND WEBSITES.**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1.** § 8104 of Chapter 8, Title 5 Guam Code Annotated, is *amended*
3 to read:

4 **“§ 8104. Definitions.**

5 (a) “Public agency” includes any board, commission or
6 comparable unit of government, any of whose members are elected,
7 appointed by *I Maga'hågan/Maga'låhen Guåhan* or appointed by *I*
8 *Liheslatura*; any non-profit corporation created by one (1) or more

1 public agencies or *I Liheslatura*, and whose board of directors is
2 appointed by such public agencies or by *I Maga'hågan/Maga'låhen*
3 *Guåhan* or *I Liheslatura*, and which is formed to acquire, construct,
4 reconstruct, maintain or operate any public work project, or any board,
5 commission, committee or other body on which officers of a public
6 agency serve in their official capacity as members and which is
7 supported in whole or in part by funds provided by such agency,
8 whether such board, commission, committee or other body is organized
9 and operated by such local agency or by a private corporation.

10 (1) Public agency also includes any advisory
11 commission, advisory committee or advisory body of a public
12 agency, created by law, resolution or any similar formal action
13 of a public agency.

14 (2) *I Liheslatura* is a public agency when it is holding a
15 daily session but meetings of political caucuses composed of
16 members of *I Liheslatura* are not required to be conducted in
17 public.

18 (3) A Committee of *I Liheslatura* is a public agency
19 when it is holding a hearing but committee meetings other than
20 hearings are not required to be conducted in public.

21 (b) "Public Notice," as used in this Chapter, means a
22 publication by newspaper of general circulation or by another eligible
23 media platform, which is reasonably calculated to provide notice of the
24 facts it announces to the public at large, and by electronic publication
25 on the Guam Public Notice Website.

26 (1) As used in this item, "newspaper of general
27 circulation" means a newspaper which has been licensed to do

1 business on Guam for a minimum of five (5) years, has a
2 minimum number of readers, subscribers, and/or website visitors
3 equal to at least fifteen percent (15%) of the most recent
4 population of Guam reported in the decennial census conducted
5 by the U.S. federal government as demonstrated in an
6 independently-verified analysis of its audience, is printed and
7 distributed not less than once a week, at regular intervals,
8 throughout Guam, which has a paid circulation and holds a valid
9 second class mailing permit from the United States Post Office,
10 and which contains news, articles of opinion, features, and other
11 matters of current interest published for public dissemination. A
12 newspaper licensed to do business on Guam, which publishes an
13 edition electronically no less than once a week, also qualifies as
14 a newspaper of general circulation for the purpose of this
15 Section; provided, that the newspaper also meets the other
16 requirements outlined in this Section.

17 (2) As used in this item, “eligible media platform”
18 means any local media company, to include newspapers with
19 electronic editions, news websites in addition to existing
20 advances for printed newspapers, and television or radio stations
21 that are licensed to do business on Guam, which contains news,
22 articles of opinion, features, and other matters of current interest
23 published for public dissemination, has been licensed to do
24 business on Guam for a minimum of five (5) years, and has a
25 minimum number of readers, subscribers, viewers, listeners,
26 and/or website visitors equal to at least fifteen percent (15%) of
27 the most recent population of Guam reported in the decennial

1 census conducted by the U.S. federal government as
2 demonstrated in an independently-verified analysis of its
3 audience. A television channel, where the broadcast content is
4 controlled or determined by the government of Guam, its
5 branches, agencies, instrumentalities or public corporations, is
6 also an eligible media platform; provided, that the channel is
7 available in the basic tier of at least two (2) cable or internet-
8 based television services (IPTV), except in the event Guam has
9 fewer than two (2) telecommunications companies that offer
10 such consumer television packages. Any radio or television
11 station, or website must be a component of a company that is
12 licensed to do business on Guam to be an eligible media
13 platform.

14 (3) Government entities that access cable channels shall
15 also be required to broadcast public notices on that channel for
16 that respective branch of government.

17 (c) "Meeting" means the convening of a governing body of a
18 public agency for which a quorum is required in order to make a
19 decision or to deliberate toward a decision on any matter. Meeting does
20 not include any on-site inspection of any project or program.

21 (d) "Action taken" means a collective decision made by a
22 majority of the members of a public agency, a collective commitment
23 or promise by a majority of the members of a public agency to make a
24 positive or a negative decision, or an actual vote by a majority of the
25 members of a public agency when sitting as a body or entity, upon a
26 motion, proposal, resolution or order."