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
167-38 (COR) As amended on the Floor.	Frank F. Blas, Jr. Telo T. Taitague Sabina Flores Perez V. Anthony Ada Vincent A.V. Borja Shelly V. Calvo Christopher M. Dueñas Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Jesse A. Lujan Tina Rose Muña-Barnes William A. Parkinson Sabrina Salas Matanane Therese M. Terlaje	AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 34.70 (f) AND § 34.70 (i) OF CHAPTER 34, TITLE 9 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO INCREASING PENALTIES FOR GRAFFITI VIOLATIONS ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.	7/3/25 2:38 p.m.	7/11/25	Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement.	Request: 7/11/25 7/18/25	10/15/25 8:30 a.m.	11/4/25	

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11/26/25	AN ACT TO *AMEND* §§ 34.70(f), 34.70(i), AND 34.70(l)(1) ALL OF CHAPTER 34, TITLE 9 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCREASING PENALTIES FOR GRAFFITI VIOLATIONS ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.	12/5/25	12/9/25	12/20/25	38-78	12/16/25	Received: 12/16/25 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 38GL-25-1601

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LT. GOVERNOR

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December 16, 2025

THE HON. FRANK BLAS, JR., *Speaker*
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
38th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
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Re: Bill No. 167-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO *AMEND* §§ 34.70(f), 34.70(i), AND 34.70(l)(1) ALL OF CHAPTER 34, TITLE 9 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCREASING PENALTIES FOR GRAFFITI VIOLATIONS ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY."

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

Bill No. 167-38 (COR) increases penalties for graffiti violations on public and private property. This legislation addresses a persistent problem across our island, and it is a vital step toward preserving the beauty and integrity of Guam.

Graffiti is a crime that erodes our people's quality of life and undermines respect for our laws and property. This defacement contributes to urban blight, reduces property values, and creates a negative impression for both residents and visitors. It also imposes significant clean-up costs on government agencies and private property owners.

Bill No. 167-38 (COR) significantly increases fines and imprisonment terms for those found guilty of graffiti. For minors, their parents and legal guardians will now be responsible for paying fines incurred for their violations.

While Bill No. 167-38 (COR) provides stronger enforcement tools, we must also recognize that legislation alone cannot solve the graffiti problem in our community. We need increased community involvement, youth education, and positive artistic outlets like mural programs and art festivals. Together, we can ensure that Guam remains clean, beautiful, and a source of pride for everyone.

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For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 167-38 (COR) into law as ***Public Law No. 38-78.***

Senseramente,

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
I Åkto Maga'låhen Guåhan
Acting Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 167-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-78
cc via email: The *Honorable* Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam
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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. 167-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO *AMEND* §§ 34.70(f), 34.70(i), AND 34.70(l)(1) ALL OF CHAPTER 34, TITLE 9 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCREASING PENALTIES FOR GRAFFITI VIOLATIONS ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY,"** was on the 5th day of December 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 9th day of Dec, 2025, at 6:26 o'clock P .M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 12/16/25

Public Law No. 38-78

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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 167-38 (COR)
As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by: Frank F. Blas, Jr.
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AN ACT TO *AMEND* §§ 34.70(f), 34.70(i), AND 34.70(l)(1) ALL OF CHAPTER 34, TITLE 9 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCREASING PENALTIES FOR GRAFFITI VIOLATIONS ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that graffiti vandalism continues to be a persistent problem throughout Guam, affecting both public and private properties. This form of property defacement contributes to urban blight, reduces property values, and creates a negative perception of safety among visitors to Guam. Graffiti not only imposes significant

clean-up costs on government agencies and private property owners, but it also detracts from the aesthetic appeal and cultural heritage of our island.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that current penalties for graffiti offenses have not proven sufficient in deterring individuals from engaging in this unlawful activity. Strengthening the penalties associated with graffiti violations, particularly by increasing fines, will enhance the deterrent effect and emphasize the community's zero-tolerance stance on property defacement.

Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to increase fines for individuals found guilty of graffiti vandalism, protecting the integrity of Guam's neighborhoods, promoting respect for public and private spaces, and ensuring that those responsible are held accountable in a manner that reflects the seriousness of their actions.

Section 2. § 34.70(f) of Chapter 34, Title 9, Guam Code Annotated is *amended* to read:

"(f) Any person violating subsections (b), (c), (d), or (e) shall be punished by a fine of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) for the first offense, and four thousand dollars ($4,000.00) for each subsequent offense or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days, or by both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court. In the case of a minor, the parents or legal guardian shall be responsible for payment of all fines. Failure of the parents or legal guardian to make payment will result in the filing of lien on the parents or legal guardian's property to include the fine and court costs.

Section 3. § 34.70(i) of Chapter 34, Title 9, Guam Code Annotated, is *amended* to read:

(i) In addition to any punishment listed in subsections (f), (g), and (h), any adult convicted for violating subsections (b), (c), (d), or (e) is guilty

of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not less than a mandatory one hundred twenty (120) days."

Section 4. § 34.70(l)(1) of Chapter 34, Title 9, Guam Code Annotated is *amended* to read:

"(l) Every person who owns, conducts, operates or manages a retail commercial establishment selling aerosol containers of spray paint or broad-tipped indelible markers *shall*:

(1) Place a sign in clear public view at or near the display of such products stating:

'GRAFFITI IS A CRIME. ANY PERSON DEFACING REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY NOT HIS OR HER OWN WITH PAINT OR ANY OTHER LIQUID OR DEVICE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT OF UP TO ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) DAYS AND/OR A FINE UP TO FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS ($4,000.00).' "