

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

2026 (SECOND) Regular Session

VOTING RECORD

Bill No. 324-38 (LS) As amended by the Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement; and further amended on the Floor.	Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall Guam Congress Building August 19, 2026					
NAME	Yea	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada	✓					
Senator Chris Barnett	✓					
Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr.	✓					
Senator Vincent A.V. Borja	✓					
Senator Shelly V. Calvo	✓					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas	✓					
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao	✓					
Senator Jesse A. Lujan	✓					
Senator Tina Rose Muña-Barnes	✓					
Senator William A. Parkinson	✓					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez	✓					
Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane	✓					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin	✓					
Senator Telo T. Taitague	✓					
Senator Therese M. Terlaje	✓					

TOTAL

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RENNAE V. C. MENO
Clerk of the Legislature

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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 161.90(a) OF CHAPTER 161,
TITLE 8, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
AUTHORIZING THE CRIMINAL INJURIES
COMPENSATION COMMISSION TO CONSIDER LATE
APPLICATIONS UPON A SHOWING OF GOOD CAUSE.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslatuan Guåhan* finds the nation's commitment to supporting victims of crime includes the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (VOCA) [28 CFR Chapter 1 Department of Justice, Subpart B, §94.115]. The core intent of VOCA is to provide limited financial support for victims of violent crime, and to ensure they are treated with dignity and fairness.

I Liheslatuan Guåhan further finds that our commitment to supporting victims of crime includes the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission (CICC), created

1 by 8 GCA Ch. 161. The CICC is directed to review applications from victims of
2 violent crimes (8 GCA Ch. §161.55) and award compensation based on statutory
3 parameters. *I Liheslatura* finds in the immediate aftermath of a violent crime, victims
4 and survivors may not know about compensation or may not have the emotional
5 capacity to go through an arduous application process. The process of applying for
6 compensation can be exhausting, retraumatizing, and an emotional hardship for
7 victims and survivors. Guam’s compensation statute of limitation requires that an
8 application to be filed within 18 months of injury or death. It was copied from
9 Hawaii’s compensation statute of 1967. Hawaii amended its statute of limitation to
10 allow for a good cause exception with these words “provided that upon a showing
11 of good cause, the commission may consider applications filed beyond this time
12 period.” The majority of states provide for similar good cause exceptions to the
13 rigidity of statute of limitations. A “good cause” exception allows a state or
14 territory’s criminal injuries compensation program to consider applications with
15 equity and fairness. *I Liheslatuan Guåhan* seeks to accomplish such intent.

16 **Section 2.** § 161.90(a) of Chapter 161, Title 8, Guam Code Annotated, is
17 *amended* to read:

18 “(a) No order for the payment of compensation shall be made under
19 this Chapter unless the application has been made within eighteen (18) months
20 after the date of injury, death or property damage, provided that upon a
21 showing of good cause, the commission may consider applications filed
22 beyond this time period. Good cause may include, but is not limited to,
23 physical or mental incapacity, trauma resulting from the offense, fear of
24 retaliation, hospitalization, inability to obtain necessary documentation, or
25 other extraordinary circumstances beyond the applicant’s control.”

26 **Section 3.** This enactment shall apply and benefit pending victim
27 applications.