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### LEGISLATION PROPOSED TO LIMIT THE LOITERING BY SEX OFFENDERS

Senator James C. Moylan was joined by Vice Speaker Telena C. Nelson and Senator Amanda Shelton in introducing Bill 175-35 which would place limitations on registered sex offenders when it comes to loitering in places frequented by minors. According to Bill 175-35, any adult sex offender shall not loiter on or within five hundred feet of the property line of any property, on which there is a school, childcare facility, playground, park, athletic field or facility, library, school bus stop, college or university, or any other business facility having a principal purpose of caring for, educating or entertaining minors.

The objective of the legislation is to protect the most innocent and vulnerable of our community from the uncertainties of a registered sex offender frequenting a location for no specific purposes. Bill 175-35 does define "loitering" as entering or remaining on a property while having no legitimate purpose or, if a legitimate purpose exists, remaining on that property beyond the time necessary to fulfill that purpose. While the legislation recognizes that a registered sex offender may have a specific purpose to enter any property which is frequented by minors, it does stipulate the limitations for their visit.

Many states have adopted similar limitation for loitering laws for sex offenders. Guam does have laws in place imposing limitations on both the usage of electronic mail for sex offenders, as well as for employment. Both are also designed to protect children, hence the purpose of incorporating a loitering policy as well. *"A couple of contacts in public safety shared that Guam does not have loitering limitations for sex offenders, which was a bit surprising and concerning, as just as many out there, we assumed there were laws already in place"*, stated Senator Moylan. *"After doing some research and talking to experts in the field, we felt it was crucial to establish such mandates that protect our children"*, he added.

*"Sex offenders should not be loitering in places where children congregate"*, stated Senator Shelton. *"This bill addresses a glaring omission when it comes to protecting our children from predators"*, she added.

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