

**TITLE 6: CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**  
**DIVISION 1: CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON**

**§ 1451. Title.**

This article shall be known and cited as the Commonwealth “Man-Amko” Physical Abuse and Mental Cruelty Act.

**Source:** PL 9-21, § 1, modified.

**Commission Comment:** PL 9-21 took effect January 16, 1995. According to PL 9-21, §§ 2 and 4:

Section 2. Legislative Intent. The Legislature finds that it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth to have statutory protections of the mental and physical health of the “Man-amko” of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Section 4. Purposes. This Act seeks to:

(a) Insure each abused member of the “Man-amko” receives such care as will serve the emotional, mental, and physical welfare of the “Man-amko” and the best interests of the Commonwealth.

(b) Require reporting of physical abuse and mental cruelty incidents perpetuated against any member of the “Man-amko” so such persons may be identified and given such care deemed to be in the best interest of the “Man-amko” and the Commonwealth.