MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN 2006 (Second) Regular Session

Bill No. <u>26340</u>)

Introduced by:

L.A. Leon Guerrero

AN ACT TO DEAPPROPRIATE FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000.00) FROM THE SUMS APPROPRIATED TO THE *I LIHESLATURA GUAHAN* FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006 AND TO REAPPROPRIATE SAID SUM TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE NURSING PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guahan finds that we must provide nursing students at the University of Guam (UOG) with the best learning environment as possible. These students must be prepared for direct client care by maintaining a well-equipped learning laboratory which consists of a skills lab section with up to date computers. Because of wear and tear and to keep up with current developments in nursing and health care, this equipment must be replaced or upgraded.

For the past several years, we have seen a critical shortage of nurses on Guam and nationwide. By supporting the School of Nursing at UOG, we can entice high school students, current students at UOG and others who may want to enter into a new career to choose nursing as a profession.

It is the intent of the *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to deappropriate forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) to the University of Guam for the sole purpose of supporting the Nursing Program by purchasing equipment and supplies for students in their teaching/learning laboratory.

Section 2. Deappropriation and Reappropriation. The sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) is hereby deappropriated from the sums appropriated to the *I* Liheslaturan Guahan for Fiscal Year 2006 and reappropriated to the University of Guam for the sole purpose of purchasing supplies and equipment for the School of Nursing Program. Notwithstanding of any other law or rule, the Fiscal Officer of the *I*

Liheslaturan Guahan shall reduce the budget allotment to Senator Lou Leon Guerrero for Fiscal Year 2006 by an amount equal to the sum deappropriated by this Section and transfer that sum to the Department of Administration for expenditure in accordance herewith.

Section 3. Reporting. Within sixty (60) days after the end of Fiscal Years 2006, the University of Guam shall submit a written report regarding the expenditure of this appropriation to the *I Liheslaturan Guahan*. No portion of this appropriation shall be used for purposes other than that specifically defined in Section 2 of this Act.

Section 4. Severability. *If* any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does *not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.