

**MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
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Bill No. 264 (EC)

Introduced by:

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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 GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAM, SPECIFICALLY THE LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN), PRACTICAL NURSING (PN), NURSING ASSISTANT (NA) AND MEDICAL ASSISTANT (MA) PROGRAMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds that the Guam Community College has been very instrumental in providing support to the medical profession by graduating about 100 students a year in their Allied Health Program. Students can graduate from the Allied Health Program and receive an Associate of Science (AS) Degree and become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Practical Nurse (PN), Nursing Assistant (NA) or a Medical Assistant (MA). These are critical positions in both the Government of Guam and the private sector to ensure that all patients receive the best medical care possible. In addition, after receiving an AS Degree, the student can use this as a step ladder to move towards a Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) at the University of Guam.

As the critical shortage for medical professionals continue to escalate on Guam and the nation, it is crucial that we support all programs and students who wish to enter into the medical field.

It is the intent of the *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to deappropriate forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) to the Guam Community College for the sole purpose of supporting the Allied Health Program, specifically the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Practical

Nursing (PA), Nursing Assistant (NA) and Medical Assistant (MA) Programs 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 Guam Community College for the *sole* purpose of purchasing supplies and equipment the for Allied Health Program, specifically the Practical Nursing, Nursing Assistant, Medical Assistant Programs. Notwithstanding 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 Guam Community College 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.