

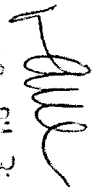
I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 277-31 (cor)

Introduced by:

D. G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. 

AN ACT TO PARTIALLY FUND THE BUDGETARY SHORTFALLS WITHIN THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BUDGET, AND TO FUND THE STARTUP OF AN URGENT CARE FACILITY TO ALLEVIATE CONGESTION AND HIGH COSTS INCURRED IN THE GMHA EMERGENCY ROOM, BY REPROGRAMMING AND APPROPRIATING THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$370,000) FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS OF THE 2007 TOBACCO BOND FUND PROCEEDS, AND, FORTY-THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$43,433) FROM THE AVAILABLE INTEREST OF THE TOBACCO ASSET BACKED BONDS 2001 SERIES B, TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Finding and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that supplemental funding due to the budget shortfall being experienced by the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA), directly due to mandates imposed upon them.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that whereas the government of Guam is mandated pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam to provide medical care services for the people of Guam, regardless of a patient's ability to pay or availability of medical insurance coverage.

1 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the cost of providing the requisite
2 medical services can be reduced by establishing an urgent care center to address
3 the non-emergency medical needs of patients currently availing themselves of
4 GMHA emergency room services and resources.

5 Whereas, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* takes due note that there is a balance
6 available for reprogramming in the amount of SIX HUNDRED EIGHTEEN
7 THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$619,994), in the
8 Tobacco Bond Proceeds Account, managed by the Guam Economic Development
9 Authority, for the specific purposes of financing *working capital expenditures for*
10 *Guam and the hospital.*

11 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate the funds necessary
12 to assist GMHA partially address its budgetary shortfall.

13 It is, further, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide for the initial
14 funding for the requisite processes relative to establishing an urgent care center
15 medical services within the GMHA facility premises, so as to alleviate the current
16 strain being imposed upon the emergency room, and imposition of exorbitant costs
17 against limited GMHA finances.

18 **Section 2. Reprogramming and Appropriation of: Available Funds**
19 **from the 2007 Tobacco Bond Proceeds; and, Funds from the Available**
20 **Interest of the Tobacco Asset Backed Bonds 2001 Series B, to the Guam**
21 **Memorial Hospital Authority for Working Capital Expenditures.**

22 (a) The SUM of **THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND**
23 **DOLLARS (\$370, 000)** is hereby **REPROGRAMMED** from the available funds
24 of the 2007 Tobacco Bond Proceeds account, managed by the Guam Economic
25 Development Authority, and **APPROPRIATED** to the Guam Memorial Hospital

1 Authority (GMHA) for working capital expenditures, as specifically provided for
2 in the following expenditure schedule:

3 (i) Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$320,000) for any
4 budgetary shortfall in the category of pharmaceuticals, supplies,
5 and similar necessities; and

6 (ii) Up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), as determined to be
7 necessary, for the implementation of requisite processes to
8 establish an urgent health care center within the GMHA facility.
9 Any remaining funds not expended for this purpose shall be
10 expended to fund budgetary shortfalls.

11 (b) The aggregate SUM of **FORTY-THREE THOUSAND FOUR**
12 **HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$43,433)** from the available interest
13 of the Tobacco Asset Backed Bonds 2001 Series B, managed by the Guam
14 Economic Development Authority, is hereby **REPROGRAMMED** from the
15 following account numbers and in the amounts listed: #71 02 3000 3 01 -
16 \$20,995.00; #71 08 3000 3 01 - \$6,595.00; #71 10 3000 3 01 - \$6,789.00; #71
17 04 3000 3 01 - \$4,526.00; #71 06 3000 3 01 - \$4,528.00; and is hereby
18 **APPROPRIATED** to the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority to finance working
19 capital expenditures.

20 (c) The funds reprogrammed and appropriated pursuant to this Section 2
21 **shall not** be utilized to fund personnel or outstanding contractual debt services.

22 (d) The funds reprogrammed and appropriated pursuant to this Section 2
23 shall be deemed a continuing appropriation and shall remain available for working
24 capital expenditures, as authorized pursuant to this Act, until fully expended.

1 **Section 3.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any unexpended
2 funds reprogrammed pursuant to Section 2 of this Act shall be deemed to continue
3 to be available for the purposes the funds were reprogrammed and may be
4 expended by the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority within the subsequent fiscal
5 year, unless Section 2 of this Act is specifically amended or repealed pursuant to
6 law.

7 **Section 4. Funds Not Subject to Governor’s Transfer Authority.** The
8 funds reprogrammed and appropriated pursuant to Section 2 of this Act *shall not*
9 be subject to the Governor’s transfer authority, and *shall* only be expended
10 pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

11 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall become immediately effective
12 upon enactment.