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Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
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Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.
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Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 91-32 (COR) "AN ACT TO EARMARK ALL TAX REVENUE DERIVED FROM THE OPERATION OF ANY NEW ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL FACILITY, AND TO APPROPRIATE SUCH EARMARKED REVENUE TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY TO SUPPLEMENT PHARMACEUTICAL AND RELATED SUPPLIES" which I signed into law on November 27, 2013 as Public Law 32-072.

Senseramente,


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I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that **Bill No. 91-32 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO EARMARK ALL TAX REVENUE DERIVED FROM THE OPERATION OF ANY NEW ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL FACILITY, AND TO APPROPRIATE SUCH EARMARKED REVENUE TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY TO SUPPLEMENT PHARMACEUTICAL AND RELATED SUPPLIES", was on the 12th day of November 2013, duly and regularly passed.




Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Attested:


Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this 15th day of Nov,
2013, at 11:28 o'clock A.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
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APPROVED:


EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'lahen Guåhan

Date: NOV 27 2013

Public Law No. 32-072

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As amended on the Floor.

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1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
3 finds that Guam's public health care institutions and approved non-
4 governmental organizations providing healthcare services are seriously

5 underfunded. This has led to continual shortages in medical supplies and
6 pharmaceuticals.

7 *I Liheslatura* further finds that in 2012, the federally-approved discount
8 provider for medical supplies intercepted approximately \$500,000 (Five
9 Hundred Thousand Dollars) taken from Medicare reimbursements through the
10 U.S. Treasury, and is currently threatening to garnish additional funds.

11 *I Liheslatura* finds that when the new, private, for-profit hospital begins
12 operation, the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) client base will
13 decrease and will result in reduced revenues. Consequently, GMHA's
14 operations revenue potential will inevitably deteriorate. Given GMH's vital
15 role as the only civilian public hospital, as well as the limited availability of
16 healthcare dollars within our community, it is imperative that the government of
17 Guam sustain funding levels to meet the GMHA pharmaceutical requirements.

18 *I Liheslatura* finds that the new medical facility will produce additional
19 tax revenues and it should be earmarked to benefit our healthcare system.

20 It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslatura* that any tax and other revenue
21 collected by the government of Guam, that is directly attributable to the
22 operation of a new hospital and any other new medical facilities, must be
23 reserved and appropriated to GMHA in order to offset any revenue losses due to
24 client diversion.

25 **Section 2. Department of Revenue and Taxation Shall Annually**
26 **Estimate Acute Health Care Revenues.** Within thirty (30) days of the
27 enactment of this Act, the Director of Revenue and Taxation (DRT) *shall*
28 provide a written estimate of the additional revenue for Fiscal Year 2014 and
29 beyond, and update such written approximation annually, relative to the amount
30 of revenue that should accrue to the government of Guam as a result of the
31 operation of any new acute healthcare facility or facilities on Guam.

32 **Section 3. Annual Appropriations to the Guam Memorial Hospital**
33 **Authority (GMHA).** Beginning in FY 2014, there is hereby appropriated
34 annually, from the General Fund to GMHA, those additional tax revenues,
35 identified in accordance with Section 2 of this Act, that accrue as a result of the
36 operation of any new acute care hospital and other new in-patient facilities on
37 Guam, to sustain required funding levels for GMHA's pharmaceutical and
38 related supplies. Such funds *shall* be deposited into the GMHA Pharmaceutical
39 Fund, and thereby expended in accordance with the provisions applicable
40 therein.