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Letter dated February 7, 2016; Legislation for introduction; Bill prioritizing excess funds to Guam Memorial Hospital by de-appropriating lapses carried 33-16-1332 forward by the Legislature and appropriating those funds to GMH.

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Madam Speaker & Sen. Muna-Barnes,

According to Section 3.01 of Rule III of the Legislature's Standing Rules, you are the two officers who "shall receive all bills transmitted from I Maga' Lahen Guahan."

Please consider this the electronic transmittal of a bill by the Governor. The bill is attached in Word version below. The Governor's transmittal letter also is attached.



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**EDDIE BAZA CALVO**  
*Governor*

**RAY TENORIO**  
*Lieutenant Governor*

*Office of the Governor of Guam.*

February 7, 2016

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Speaker  
33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature  
155 Hesler Place  
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Dear Madam Speaker,

I am transmitting the attached legislation for introduction. The bill will prioritize excess funds to Guam Memorial Hospital by de-appropriating lapses carried forward by the Legislature and appropriating those funds to GMH.

I wish to thank the Legislature for its release of financial records that led to the discovery of about \$1.3 million in lapses carried forward from the previous fiscal year. Indeed, we have found that the lapses have been growing nearly every year, according to the records the Legislature sent to us.

The appropriation of this unused money to GMH will provide a payment source for Medicaid, which the federal government will match. That frees up nearly an equal amount of cash for GMH to pay down its debt to the Retirement Fund. Essentially, the Legislature will be able to give GMH and all its patients a '2 for 1 deal.'

Thank you for your time and your support for GMH. We look forward to a swift hearing. Our office is willing to help you all with the public hearing on this bill, which we hope will be scheduled right away.

*Sincerely,*

**EDDIE BAZA CALVO**  
Governor of Guam

***I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2016 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_-33**

Introduced by:

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By request of *I Maga'Låhen*  
*Guåhan*, the Governor of  
Guam, in accordance with the  
Organic Act of Guam

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE BALANCE OF LAPSED  
FUNDS FROM THE GUAM LEGISLATURE'S REVOLVING  
FUND TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**

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

2       **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** The Legislature finds that it  
3 operates with more money than it needs. A growing revolving fund lapses every  
4 year. Indeed, the Legislature would hoard over \$1 million annually, even during  
5 years when the General Fund and the Territorial Education Facilities Fund were in  
6 deficit. These lapses, which carried over year after year could have been used on  
7 any number of urgent or emergency funding matters at the Department of  
8 Education or the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA).

9       The Legislature further finds that it is critical to pay down GMHA's debt to  
10 Medicaid, which, in turn, will avail the General Fund of a more than equal match  
11 of funds. These funds can then be used to pay down GMHA's debt to the

1 Retirement Fund. It is the Legislature's intent to de-appropriate its balance of  
2 lapsed funds and to appropriate the balance to GMHA for the payment of its debts.

3 **Section 2. Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated to the Guam  
4 Memorial Hospital Authority from the sums appropriated to the Guam Legislature,  
5 but not obligated or expended, all of the current balance of lapsed funds that has to  
6 date been carried over.

7 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* become effective upon  
8 enactment.

9 **Section 4. Severability.** *If* any provision of this Act or its application to  
10 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such  
11 invalidity *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be  
12 given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the  
13 provisions of this Act are severable.