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22 MAY 2008

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D
Speaker
I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hessler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 247 (LS), "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO PAY PRIOR YEARS' AND CURRENT YEAR OBLIGATIONS OWED TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY FROM FISCAL YEAR 2008 OPERATIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, AND FROM CARRY-OVER AND CONTINUING OPERATIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED," which I have signed into law on May 9, 2008, as Public Law No. 29-79.

The authorization to pay prior year obligations is a necessary tool to reduce the government's deficit and in this case debt owed to Guam's public hospital. Unfortunately, the Bill's disbursement requirements ignore the Governor's responsibility in addressing current fiscal challenges when managing government resources. The availability of cash often dictates which priorities to pay. Therefore, mandating government agencies to fully remit outstanding amounts owed to the Guam Memorial Hospital or installment payments of ten percent (10%) of the "entity's" quarterly appropriation allotment received for operations in the event full remittance cannot be made is impractical. The Bill's timeline and disbursement requirements could jeopardize other priorities, such as the consent decree and permanent injunction, unless there is sufficient cash to meet all government requirements and obligations.

Sinseru yan Magåhet,

[Handwritten signature of Felix P. Camacho]

FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'låhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

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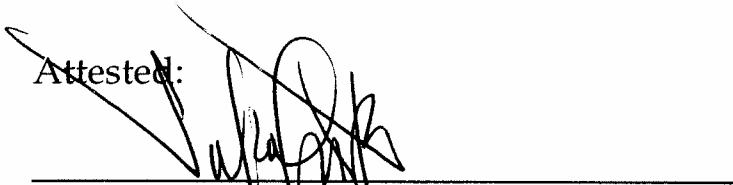
I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Bill No. 247 (LS), "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO PAY PRIOR YEARS' AND CURRENT YEAR OBLIGATIONS OWED TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY FROM FISCAL YEAR 2008 OPERATIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, AND FROM CARRY-OVER AND CONTINUING OPERATIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED," was on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008, duly and regularly passed.



Dr. David L.G. Shimizu  
Acting Speaker

Attested: 

Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

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This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* this 28 day of April, 2008, at  
4:20 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'lahi's Office*

APPROVED:



FELIX P. CAMACHO  
*I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*

Date: 9 MAY 2008

Public Law No. 29-79

**I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2008 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 247 (LS)**

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND  
INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO  
PAY PRIOR YEARS' AND CURRENT YEAR OBLIGATIONS  
OWED TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY  
FROM FISCAL YEAR 2008 OPERATIONAL APPROPRIATIONS,  
AND FROM CARRY-OVER AND CONTINUING OPERATIONAL  
APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED.**

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

2        **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*  
3 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that many departments, agencies and instrumentalities  
4 of the government of Guam still owe the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority

1 (GMHA) for prior years' and current year obligations totaling approximately  
2 \$2.5M as reported in GMHA's Aged Trial Balance Summary for government of  
3 Guam Agencies dated February 27, 2008. It is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to ensure  
4 that these obligations to the hospital are paid.

5 **Section 2. Authorization to Pay for Prior Years' and Current Year**  
6 **Obligations Owed to the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority.** Notwithstanding  
7 any other provision of law, departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the  
8 government of Guam with outstanding prior years' and current year obligations to  
9 the GMHA, *shall* remit payments to the GMHA to liquidate such obligations. In  
10 the event that full remittance of amounts outstanding cannot be made by the  
11 respective government entity, payments shall be made in installments and *shall* be  
12 in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the entity's quarterly appropriation  
13 allotment received for operations, inclusive of allotments received from authorized  
14 carry-over and continuing *operational* appropriations. Payments *shall* be made *no*  
15 *later than* the last day of each quarter, beginning in the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) quarter of fiscal  
16 year 2008. In the event that the outstanding obligation is *less than* the ten percent  
17 (10%) mandated by this Section, the department, agency *or* instrumentality *shall*  
18 remit to the GMHA the total amount outstanding.

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