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Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON PROVIDING AFTER-HOUR URGENT CARE SERVICES IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that a significant number of patients seen and treated at the GMH emergency room
4 can be classified as urgent care cases rather than emergency or triage cases. It has
5 been a widely accepted belief within the medical and health insurance communities
6 that the GMH emergency room is the most expensive urgent care clinic on Guam.
7 The GMH emergency room is also the only source of urgent care treatment for
8 most of the hour between 5:00pm and 8:00am and 24 hours on weekends.

9 It is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to provide the residents of Guam, regardless
10 of means, with after-hour urgent care medical services in the northern, east-central
11 and southern areas of Guam.

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13 **Section 2. Scope of the Study.**

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15 **(a) Clinic Operator.** The study shall include, *but not be limited to*, the
16 viability of the following options:

1 (1) Clinic administered and operated by Department of Public Health
2 and Social Services (DPHSS) personnel that may include full-time and part-
3 time positions.

4 (2) Clinic administered and operated by an independent contractor of
5 Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS).

6 (3) A fully private clinic operated, rent, utility and insurance free; by a
7 private organization in exchange for accepting MIP, Medicaid and Self-
8 paying patients.

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10 **(c) Minimum Standards.** All options shall meet the minimum industry
11 standards for an urgent care clinic that *may* include diagnostic equipment such as
12 x-ray, ultrasound and electrocardiogram equipment, lab facilities for obtaining
13 specimens, and a pharmacy or dispensary.

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15 **(c) Funding support.** All options shall consider the factor of accepting self-
16 pay and insured patients as a means to defray and/or support the cost of operations.

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18 **Section 3. Presentation of the Study.** The study required herein shall be
19 presented to the Speaker of I Liheslatura within six (6) months of the enactment of
20 this Act.

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22 **Section 4. Appropriation.** I *Maga Lahi Guåhan* is authorized to transfer up
23 to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from any unencumbered appropriations of the
24 *General Fund* or *Healthy Futures Fund* to cover the cost of the study authorize
25 herein.