

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 91 -32 (COR)

Introduced by:

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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.

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan*

3 *Guåhan* finds that Guam's public health care institutions and
4 approved non-governmental organizations providing healthcare
5 services are seriously underfunded. This has led to continual
6 shortages in medical supplies and pharmaceuticals.

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

11 *I Liheslatura* finds that when the new, private, for-profit hospital

1 begins operation, the GMHA client base will decrease and will result
2 in reduced revenues. Consequently, GMHA's operations revenue
3 potential will inevitably deteriorate. Given GMH's vital role as the
4 only civilian public hospital, as well as the limited availability of
5 healthcare dollars within our community, it is imperative that the
6 Government of Guam sustain funding levels to meet the GMHA
7 Pharmaceutical requirements.

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

11 It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslatura* that any tax and other
12 revenue collected by the Government of Guam that is directly
13 attributable to the operation of a new hospital and other new medical
14 facilities, must be reserved and appropriated to GMHA in order to
15 offset any revenue losses due to client diversion.

16 **Section 2. DRT Shall Annually Estimate Acute Health Care**
17 **Revenues.** Within 30 days of the enactment of this Act, the Director
18 of Revenue and Taxation (DRT) shall provide a written estimate of
19 the additional revenue for Fiscal Year 2014 and beyond, and update

1 such written approximation annually, relative to the amount of
2 revenue that should accrue to the Government of Guam as a result of
3 the operation of any new acute healthcare facility or facilities for
4 Guam.

5 **Section 3. Annual appropriations to GMHA.** Beginning in FY
6 2014, there is hereby appropriated annually, from the General Fund
7 to GMHA, those additional tax revenues, identified in accordance
8 with Section 2 of this Act, that accrue as a result of the operation of
9 any new acute care hospital and other new in-patient facilities for
10 Guam, to sustain required funding levels for GMHA's
11 pharmaceutical and related supplies.

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