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

**Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* acknowledges that the military medical community has a long and proud continuing history on Guam and it is beneficial to continue this tradition of cooperation for the betterment of our people and the military community. The legacy of military medical personnel working in the Guam community is marked with many significant events that built the camaraderie we experience today.

*I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further acknowledges that the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) deems Guam as a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). The shortage of health care providers

1 has significant impact on patients seeking medical care. Often times, this  
2 shortage cause delay in the treatment minor concerns that then exacerbate  
3 into greater concerns due to the lack of timely attention and thus results in  
4 greater anguish and cost for the patient. The early identification of medical  
5 issues is proven time and again to effect the greatest possible outcome.

6 It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, in recognizing the  
7 valuable contributions made by our military health care system and the  
8 recognized need to increase our provider base, to establish an expedited  
9 Military Limited Volunteer License within the Guam Board of Allied Health  
10 Examiners. This license is to make available, at no cost, to a practitioner  
11 who is authorized as a practitioner to treat personnel enlisted in a branch of  
12 the United States armed forces or veterans, and is limited to the practice of  
13 medicine for no compensation in clinics and outreach events that serve  
14 indigent populations.

15 **Section 2.** A new § 12805 (j) is added to Chapter 12, Part 1,  
16 Article 8, of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

17 **"§ 12805. Requirements for Licensure.**

18 (a) Information Requirement. Any Board furnished applications,  
19 official transcripts or other documentation, as required by the Board, shall be  
20 submitted in English or accompanied by an English translation and is sent  
21 directly to the Board from the appropriate institution or governing agency.  
22 The applicant shall provide the Board and attest to the following information  
23 and documentation in a manner required by the Board:

24 (1) his or her full name and all aliases or other names ever used,  
25 current address, social security number, and date and place of birth;

26 (2) recent, less than ninety (90) days, signed photograph, a set  
27 of fingerprints of the applicant, if requested, and a sample of

1 handwriting;

2 (3) originals of all documents and credentials required by the  
3 Board, or notarized photocopies or other verification acceptable to the  
4 Board of such documents and credentials;

5 (4) list of all jurisdictions, United States or foreign, in which the  
6 applicant is licensed or has applied for licensure to practice an allied  
7 health profession or is authorized or has applied for authorization to  
8 practice an allied health profession;

9 (5) list of all jurisdictions, United States or foreign, in which the  
10 applicant has been denied licensure or authorization to practice an  
11 allied health profession or has voluntarily surrendered a license or an  
12 authorization to practice an allied health profession;

13 (6) list of all sanctions, judgments, awards, settlements or  
14 convictions against the applicant in any jurisdiction, United States or  
15 foreign, that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action under  
16 the Allied Health Practice Act or the Board's rules and regulations;

17 (7) detailed educational history, including places, institutions,  
18 dates and program descriptions, of all his or her education, beginning  
19 with secondary schooling and including all college, pre-professional,  
20 professional and professional postgraduate education;

21 (8) detailed chronological life history, including places and  
22 dates of residence, employment and military service, United States or  
23 foreign;

24 (9) any other information or documentation the Board  
25 determines necessary; and

26 (10) [Repealed.]

27 (b) General Requirements. The applicant for licensure must present

1 the following to the Board:

2 (1) evidence of proficiency in the English language, as  
3 determined by the Board;

4 (2) evidence of professional education, training and experience,  
5 as required by the applicant's area of discipline;

6 (3) three (3) letters of recommendation, originals or notarized  
7 copies, one (1) of which must be a letter provided by the applicant's  
8 immediate supervisor of his or her most recent employer, or by a  
9 practice associate, if the applicant is in private practice;

10 (4) a police clearance from the Guam Police Department if the  
11 applicant has resided on Guam for more than one (1) year; if the  
12 applicant has resided on Guam for less than one (1) year, a police  
13 clearance from the applicant's most recent place of residence; and

14 (5) [Repealed.]

15 (c) Licensure By Endorsement. Applicants for licensure by  
16 endorsement must, in addition to the requirements of Subsections (a) and (b)  
17 of this Section, include a letter provided by the licensing authority  
18 describing all complaints filed and disciplinary actions, if any, taken against  
19 the applicant. The Board may issue a license to an applicant who shows  
20 evidence of current licensure in good standing by another jurisdiction of the  
21 United States; provided, that the licensing requirements are equivalent to the  
22 standards set forth and approved by the Board.

23 (d) Applicant Responsibility. Each applicant shall be responsible for  
24 the following:

25 (1) correspondence or communication with the Board;

26 (2) periodically contacting the Board concerning the status of  
27 the application;

1 (3) informing the Board in writing of intent to withdraw an  
2 application prior to the remittance of the applicable fee(s), a fee(s)  
3 remitted to the Board is non-refundable;

4 (4) informing the Board of any change in name or address (An  
5 applicant whose name has changed shall submit a certified copy  
6 evidencing the change to the Board. The Board upon receipt of such  
7 evidence and the required fee shall issue a duplicate license with the  
8 name change. All license renewals will be sent to the current address  
9 on file.);

10 (5) notifying the Board, in writing, of the loss of a current  
11 license (A duplicate license for the current renewal period shall be  
12 issued by the Board upon receipt of the required form and fee.);

13 (6) keeping in the licensee's possession a signed current Guam  
14 Board of Allied Health Examiners license; and

15 (7) conspicuously displaying their licenses in all offices where  
16 they regularly practice.

17 (e) The applicant shall be physically, mentally and professionally  
18 capable of practicing as an allied health profession in a manner acceptable to  
19 the Board, and should be required to submit to a physical, mental or  
20 professional competency examination, or a drug dependency evaluation, if  
21 deemed necessary by the Board.

22 (f) The applicant shall not have been found guilty by a competent  
23 authority, United States or foreign, of any conduct that would constitute  
24 grounds for disciplinary action under the regulations of the Board or this  
25 Act. The Board should be authorized, at its discretion, to modify this  
26 restriction for cause, but it should be directed to use such discretionary  
27 authority in a consistent manner.

1 (g) The applicant may be requested to make a personal appearance  
2 before the Board or a representative thereof for interview, examination or  
3 review of credentials. At the discretion of the Board, the applicant should be  
4 required to present his or her original education credentials for inspection at  
5 the time of personal appearance.

6 (h) The applicant shall be held responsible for verifying to the  
7 satisfaction of the Board the validity of all credentials required for his or her  
8 licensure.

9 (i) The applicant shall have paid all fees and have completed and  
10 attested to the accuracy of all application and information forms required by  
11 the Board.

12 (j) The Board is authorized to issue a military limited volunteer  
13 license to an applicant who:

14 (1) is licensed and in good standing as a allied healthcare  
15 provider in another state;

16 (2) maintains their credentials within the military credentialing  
17 system and authorizes the Guam based Military Credentialing Office  
18 to provide to the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners the  
19 required verification documents and Commander's approval;

20 (3) agrees to be subject to board rules and regulations, including  
21 those regarding disciplinary action, license registration and renewal,  
22 and continuing medical education.

23 (4) A military limited volunteer license shall be issued for a  
24 period of two (2) years at no charge to the applicant and may be  
25 renewed and maintained according to registration requirements as  
26 prescribed by the Board.

1           (5) The applicant who practices in the allied health fields on  
2           Guam under a license issued under this Section may only practice at a  
3           clinic or outreach event that primarily treats indigent populations  
4           and the practitioner does not receive direct or indirect compensation  
5           or payment of anything of monetary value in exchange for the medical  
6           services rendered by the practitioner to the indigent patients at the  
7           clinic or outreach event.

8           (6) The license shall be in effect upon receipt of the application  
9           packet by the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners, subject to  
10          final review. This presumptive eligibility for licensure is contingent  
11          upon the appropriate Military Commander's permission allowing the  
12          practitioner to practice in the community and the appropriate  
13          collaborative sharing of information between the military  
14          credentialing office and the Guam Board of Allied Health  
15          Examiners."

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17          **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its  
18 application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary  
19 to law, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this  
20 Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application,  
21 and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

22          **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall become immediately  
23 effective upon enactment.