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

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

3 acknowledges that the military nursing community has a long and proud

4 continuing history on Guam beginning in August of 1899 with the arrival of

5 the Medical Officer of the USS Yosemite, Surgeon Philip Leach, and

6 Assistant Surgeons Mark V. Stone and Alfred G. Grunwell. Because of a

7 shortage of medical staff, these medical officers began teaching local women

8 to be health care workers. This training effort started in 1901 and in various

9 forms and fashions continues to this day. It is an interesting historical note

10 that the first nursing students had to be single, and between the ages of

11 eighteen to twenty-five. They worked eight hours a day, were paid \$9.92 a

1 month. They had to leave school if they married. They lived at the hospital
2 in student quarters, and were allowed to go home one day a week. From
3 those meager beginnings Guam now boasts having a top notch nursing
4 school at the University of Guam and shares knowledge with naval
5 personnel on equal footing through continuing education courses. This
6 legacy of military nursing personnel working in the Guam community is
7 marked with many significant events that built the camaraderie we
8 experience today.

9 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further acknowledges that the Health
10 Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) deems Guam as a Health
11 Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). There are concurrent efforts to explore
12 relief of our medical shortages that run parallel to the nursing effort
13 presented.

14 It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, in recognizing the
15 valuable contributions made by our military health care system and the
16 recognized need to increase our primary care provider base, to establish an
17 expedited Military Limited Volunteer License within the Guam Board of
18 Nurse Examiners. This license is to make available, at no cost, to a nurse
19 who is authorized as a nurse to treat personnel enlisted in a branch of the
20 United States armed forces or veterans, and is limited to the practice of
21 nursing for no compensation in clinics and outreach events that serve
22 indigent populations.

23 **Section 2.** A new § 12322 (e), is added to Chapter 12, Part 1,
24 Article 3, of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

25 "**§ 12322. Temporary Licenses/Certifications.**

26 The Guam Board of Nurse Examiners:

1 (a) may issue a temporary permit to a graduate of an accredited
2 U.S., foreign or Guam professional nursing education program, upon
3 application, payment of the required fee, and after verifying the
4 applicant's official transcript and certificate of education; provided,
5 however, that such applicant has received the Board's authorization to
6 sit for the first licensing examination immediately following such
7 applicant's graduation. Such a permittee shall be identified as a
8 'graduate nurse' ('G.N.') and may practice nursing only under the
9 direct supervision of a registered nurse. Only such a permittee shall be
10 authorized to use the title 'graduate nurse.' All temporary permits
11 issued pursuant to this Subparagraph shall terminate when the Board
12 has received the permittee's scores from the licensing examination
13 immediately succeeding such permittee's graduation from nursing
14 school; and

15 "(b) shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to protect the
16 public and limit the practice of persons issued temporary
17 licenses/certification.

18 (c) May issue a nurse (RN, APRN, LPN) or nursing assistant
19 applicant a three (3) month temporary license/certification upon
20 submission of a notarized application, payment of the required fee and
21 evidence of:

22 (1) a current U.S. license as a registered nurse or
23 practical nurse; or

24 (2) a current National or State Board Certification as an
25 advanced practice registered nurse; or

26 (3) a current State Board Certification as a nursing
27 assistant

1 (d) May use their discretion to extend the temporary
2 license/certification, but the extension shall not exceed six (6) months.

3 (e) May issue a Military Limited Volunteer License to a nurse
4 (RN, APRN, LPN) applicant who:

5 (1) is licensed and in good standing as a nurse in another
6 state;

7 (2) maintains their credentials within the military
8 credentialing system and authorizes the Guam based Military
9 Credentialing Office to provide to the Guam Board of Nurse
10 Examiners the required verification documents and
11 Commander's approval;

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

15 (4) a nurse who practices nursing on Guam under a
16 license issued under this Section may only practice at a clinic or
17 outreach event that primarily treats indigent populations and the
18 nurse does not receive direct or indirect compensation or
19 payment of anything of monetary value in exchange for the
20 medical services rendered by the nurse to the indigent patients
21 at the clinic or outreach event.

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

26 (6) The license shall be in effect upon receipt of the
27 application packet by the Guam Board of Nurse Examiners

1 subject to final review. This presumptive eligibility for
2 licensure is contingent upon the appropriate Military
3 Commander's permission allowing the nurse to practice in the
4 community and the appropriate collaborative sharing of
5 information between the military credentialing office and the
6 Guam Board of Nurse Examiners."

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

13 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall become immediately
14 effective upon enactment.