

I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na Liheslaturan
BILL STATUS

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I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. ²²⁵-34 (COR)

Introduced by:

Therese M. Terlaje 

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AUTHORITY EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES FROM
REMAINING HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX (HOT) BOND
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SUBSECTION (C), AND SUBSECTION (W) OF §
1515(i)(1) AND SUBSECTION (k) OF § 1515 OF
ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE
ANNOTATED.**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

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

that in a December 18, 2017, letter from the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA) to the Guam Legislature it was revealed that GEDA in its November 27, 2017 board meeting approved to re-program \$5 Million of the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Bond funding, originally intended to address Phase 3 of the Tumon Flood Mitigation project, towards the reconstruction of the Palåsyo in Hagåtña. It is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to prioritize critical medical equipment and capital improvements for in-patient or emergency care at the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) over the reconstruction of a Palåsyo. Funding critical hospital needs for our residents and tourists from remaining HOT Bond proceeds will help alleviate the need for proposed tax increases for hospital modernization projects.

1 Requiring that the programming of any remaining funds available under the HOT
2 Bonds be subject to legislative approval will also ensure that resolution of Tumon
3 flooding remains a priority.

4 **Section 2.** Subsection (B) of § 1515 (i)(1) of Article 5, Chapter 1 of Title
5 5, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

6 “(B) (i) for resolution of the San Vitores flooding caused by
7 storm water runoff along San Vitores Road north of the Fujita
8 Pump Station by collecting and removing storm runoff via
9 transmission to the Fujita Pump Station to be discharged at a
10 suitable location;

11 (ii) Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) from the available
12 unused allocation pursuant to this Section for a Magnetic Resonance
13 Imaging (MRI) machine, Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scan,
14 endoscope or other medical equipment critically needed at the Guam
15 Memorial Hospital (GMH) pursuant to determination by the GMH
16 Board of Trustees. The GMH Board of Trustees may allocate all or
17 parts of this amount for hospital capital improvement projects to
18 improve in-patient care or emergency care subject to legislative
19 approval.”

20 **Section 3.** Subsection (C) of § 1515 (i)(1) of Article 5, Chapter 1 of Title
21 5, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

22 “(C) for the following various projects related to Historic Hagåtña to include
23 the following:

24 (i) for the restoration of the walls of the Plaza de España;

25 (ii) for the restoration and rehabilitation of the Plaza de España
26 Azotea;

27 (iii) for the restoration of the Plaza de España Chocolate House; and

(iv) for the development of a paver-surface crosswalk and landings on both sides of Marine Corps Drive to provide a proper connection between Skinner Plaza and the Chamorro Village.

(v) The Guam Economic Development Authority shall reprogram the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) from the available unused allocation pursuant to this Section for the Dock and Shoreline Reinforcement Economic Enhancement Project of the Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association Facility, to provide funding for the restoration and development of the seawall and new walkway beginning adjacent to the Hagåtña Fishermen's Cooperative Building and extending seaward along the Hagåtña Marina (Boat Basin) channel."

Section 4. Subsection (W) of § 1515 (i)(1) of Article 5, Chapter 1 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

"(W) for primary or supplemental funding for projects identified under the Hagåtña Master Plan completed prior to November 27, 2017;"

Section 5. Subsection (k) of § 1515 of Article 5, Chapter 1 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

"(k) In the event that *I Maga'lachen* secures a loan under Public Law 30-179, *I Maga'lachen* is authorized to reprogram bond proceeds intended for Item (1) of Subsection (i) of this Section for the purpose of reconstructing and/or renovation of the Old Guam Legislature Building (the former Guam Congress Building) and other historic facilities in Hagåtña completed prior to November 27, 2017."

Section 6. Any remaining unencumbered bond proceeds pursuant to § 1515 of Article 5, Chapter 1 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated shall not be encumbered without express approval of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* subsequent to this Act.