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Bill No. 294-35 (COR)

Introduced by:

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Pending the planning and construction of a new hospital, it is the intention of *I Liheslatura* to prioritize the safety and quality of care of the residents and visitors to Guam, by investing in the continued accreditation of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and addressing the most urgent structural deficiencies, equipment needs, and infrastructure deficiencies of the current hospital facility. The priority needs of GMHA were assessed by GMHA, CMS and the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). Approximately \$21 Million Dollars of priority projects are estimated in order to protect CMS Accreditation and to maintain patient safety pending construction of a new hospital. During FY2020, \$10 Million was appropriated to GMHA from FY2019 Business Privilege Tax revenues in excess of FY2019 appropriated revenues through Public Law 35-36 and Bill 210-35 (COR). Notwithstanding all other financial demands of the government of Guam, it is the

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1 intent of *I Liheslatura* to prioritize FY 2021 taxpayer dollars towards immediate
2 health and safety concerns at the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority by
3 immediately dedicating an additional \$11 M to GMHA capital improvement and
4 equipment priorities. This investment will allow for the adequate planning and
5 thorough vetting of additional long term construction plans for the hospital.

6 **Section 2.** The amount of \$11 Million Dollars is appropriated from Fiscal
7 Year 2021 General Fund revenues to the Guam Memorial Hospital Capital
8 Improvement Fund established by Public Law 35-36:ChIII:PartI:5. Notwithstanding
9 any other law, expenditure of these funds shall be subject to approval by the Guam
10 Memorial Hospital Authority Board of Trustees and used strictly for the purpose of
11 continued accreditation of the hospital by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
12 Services (CMS) and addressing the most urgent priority structural and equipment
13 deficiencies of the current hospital facility. Appropriation into or out of the Guam
14 Memorial Hospital Capital Improvement Fund shall not be subject to the Governor’s
15 transfer authority.

16 **Section 3.** All efforts shall be made by GEDA, GMHA, BSP, other agencies
17 of the Executive Branch, the Governor’s Office, *I Liheslatura*, and the *Espetåt-ta*.
18 *Lina’lã-ta*. – Our Hospital. Our Life. Planning Task Force (Task Force) to explore
19 and identify any and all potential government revenue streams, financing sources, or
20 grants, including but not limited to federal government assistance or private financial
21 lending sources that can be utilized for the prompt construction of a new hospital or
22 the priority capital improvement projects of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority
23 facility.

24 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
25 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity *shall*
26 *not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without

1 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
2 severable.