

MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

2009 OCT 12 PM 4:46

Bill No. 258-30 (COR)
Introduced by:

FRANK B. AGUON, JR. 
TINA MUNA BARNES 

AN ACT RELATIVE TO AVOIDING ANY UNNECESSARY INTERRUPTION OF ESSENTIAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THROUGH AUTHORIZING I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN TO GRANT A TEMPORARY MEDICAL LICENSE, WITH THE REVIEW AND CONSENT OF THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, TO SPECIALIZED MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS WITH EQUIVALENT OR SIMILAR U.S. EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE STANDARDS, FOR A LIMITED TEMPORARY TIMEFRAME; THROUGH A DECLARATION OF HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

3 I Liheslaturan Guahan finds that the people of Guam continue
4 to require specialized medical treatment, i.e. cancer, etc, in which only
5 limited medical physicians are readily available on island to provide such
6 specialized healthcare services. In situations when all such specialized
7 medical physicians are not available to provide necessary treatment due to
8 illness or off-island activities, it is critical that such services be aggressively

1 sustained, and if necessary, I Maga'lahaen Guahan be granted authorization
2 to recruit and retain such specialized physicians for a temporary timeframe
3 in an effort to avoid any unnecessary interruption in healthcare treatment
4 and services for the people of Guam.

5 **Section 2. Temporary Limited Emergency Authorization for**
6 **Acquisition of Specialized Medical Healthcare Services.**

7 I Maga'lahaen Guahan is hereby authorized to grant a limited
8 temporary emergency medical license, with the consent of the Guam Board
9 of Medical Examiners, to a specialized medical physician for a period not
10 to exceed Ninety (90) days to provide necessary healthcare treatment to the
11 people of Guam. The Guam Board of Medical Examiners shall be tasked to
12 review and validate the credentials of any physician who may be
13 considered for the emergency temporary license provided herein. I
14 Maga'lahaen Guahan through an executive order shall identify the
15 emergency condition and stipulate the requirement for such temporary
16 specialized medical services, and highlight the medical professional who
17 will be granted said temporary medical license. The granting of an
18 emergency temporary medical license as detailed herein may provide for
19 the consideration of acceptable and equivalent medical education, training,
20 and experience in jurisdictions other than the United States and in a
21 medical facility which is equivalent to or exceeds U. S. nationally
22 acceptable healthcare standards.

1 **Section 3. Codification of Provision.**

2 The Compiler of Laws shall incorporate the provisions
3 contained in the aforementioned Section into the appropriate sections of
4 the Guam Code Annotated.