I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

2018 (SECOND) Regular Session

LEGISLATIVE SESSION VOTING RECORD

Bill No. 129-34 (COR)	**Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall October 4, 2018**					
NAME	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Not Voting/ Abstained**	**Out During Roll Call**	**Absent**	**Excused**
Senator Thomas C. **ADA**	✓					
Senator FRANK B. **AGUON, JR.**					✓	✓
Senator William M. **CASTRO**	✓					
Senator James V. **ESPALDON**	✓					
Senator Fernando Barcinas **ESTEVES**	✓					
Senator Régine Biscoe **LEE**	✓					
Senator Tommy **MORRISON**	✓					
Senator Louise B. **MUÑA**	✓					
Senator Telena Cruz **NELSON**	✓					
Senator Dennis G. **RODRIGUEZ, Jr.**	✓					
Senator Joe S. San **AGUSTIN**	✓					
Senator Michael F.Q. **SAN NICOLAS**					✓	✓
Acting Speaker Therese M. **TERLAJE**	✓					
Senator Mary Camacho **TORRES**					✓	✓
TOTAL:	**11**				**3**	**3**
	Aye	**Nay**	**Not Voting/ Abstained**	**Out During Roll Call**	**Absent**	**Excused**

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

Clerk of the Legislature

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Introduced by: Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
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AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 12805(j) TO ARTICLE 8 OF PART 1, CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MILITARY LIMITED VOLUNTEER MEDICAL LICENSE FOR ALLIED HEALTH PRACTITIONERS LICENSED WITH THE GUAM-BASED MILITARY CREDENTIALING OFFICE TO ENABLE THEM TO VOLUNTEER IN THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY.

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 healthcare providers has a significant impact on patients seeking medical care. Oftentimes, this shortage causes a delay in the treatment of minor concerns that then exacerbate into greater concerns due to the lack of timely attention, and thus results in greater anguish and cost for the patient. The early identification of medical issues is proven time and again to effect the greatest possible outcome.

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

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

"(j) The Board is authorized to issue a Military Limited Volunteer Medical License to an applicant who:

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

(2) maintains credentials within the military credentialing system and authorizes the Guam-based Military Credentialing Office to provide to the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners the required verification documents and military commander's approval; and

(3) agrees to be subject to Board rules and regulations, including those regarding disciplinary action, license registration and renewal, and continuing medical education, throughout the duration of Military Limited Volunteer Medical licensure.

A Military Limited Volunteer Medical License *shall* be issued at no charge to the applicant, is valid for a period of two (2) years, and may be renewed and maintained according to registration requirements as prescribed by the Board. The applicant who practices in the allied health fields on Guam under a license issued under this Subsection may only practice at a clinic or outreach event that primarily provides services for indigent populations, and the practitioner *shall not* receive direct or indirect compensation or payment of anything of monetary value in exchange for the medical services rendered by the practitioner to the indigent patients at the clinic or outreach event. The license *shall* be in effect upon receipt of the application packet by the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners, subject to final review. This presumptive eligibility for licensure is contingent upon the appropriate military commander's authorization allowing the practitioner to practice in the community and the appropriate collaborative sharing of information between the Military Credentialing Office and the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners."

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

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