I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

2018 (SECOND) Regular Session

LEGISLATIVE SESSION VOTING RECORD

Bill No. 130-34 (COR) As amended on the Floor.	**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:

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Clerk of the Legislature

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AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 12322(e) TO ARTICLE 3 OF PART 1, CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MILITARY LIMITED VOLUNTEER NURSING LICENSE FOR NURSES (RN, APRN, LPN) 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 nursing community has a long and proud continuing history on Guam beginning in August of 1899 with the arrival of the Medical Officer of the USS Yosemite, Surgeon Philip Leach, and Assistant Surgeons Mark V. Stone and Alfred G. Grunwell. Because of a shortage of medical staff, these medical officers began teaching local women to be healthcare workers. This training effort started in 1901 and in various forms and fashions continues to this day. It is an

interesting historical note that the first nursing students had to be single, and between the ages of eighteen (18) to twenty-five (25) years old. They worked eight (8) hours a day and were paid Nine Dollars and Ninety-two Cents ($9.92) a month. They had to leave school if they married. They lived at the hospital in student quarters, and were allowed to go home one (1) day a week. From those meager beginnings, Guam now boasts having a top notch nursing school at the University of Guam and shares knowledge with Naval personnel on equal footing through continuing education courses. This legacy of military nursing 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). There are concurrent efforts to explore relief of our medical shortages that run parallel to the nursing effort presented.

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 primary care provider base, to establish an expedited Military Limited Volunteer Nursing License within the Guam Board of Nurse Examiners. This license will be made available, at no cost, to a nurse who is authorized as a nurse to treat personnel enlisted in a branch of the United States armed forces or veterans, and is limited to the practice of nursing for no compensation at clinics and outreach events that serve indigent populations.

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

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

(1) is licensed and in good standing as a nurse 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 Nurse 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 the Military Limited Volunteer Nursing licensure.

A nurse who practices nursing on Guam under a license issued under this Subsection may only practice at the Department of Public Health and Social Services, the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, the Community Health Centers, a clinic, or an outreach event that primarily provides services for indigent populations, and the nurse *shall not* receive direct or indirect compensation or payment of anything of monetary value in exchange for the medical services rendered by the nurse to the indigent patients at the clinic or outreach event. A Military Limited Volunteer Nursing License *shall* be issued at no charge to the applicant, be valid for a period of two (2) years, and may be renewed and maintained according to registration requirements as prescribed by the Board. The license *shall* be in effect upon receipt of the application packet by the Guam Board of Nurse Examiners subject to final review. This presumptive eligibility for licensure is contingent upon the appropriate military commander's authorization allowing the nurse to practice in the community, and the appropriate collaborative sharing of information between the Military Credentialing Office and the Guam Board of Nurse 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 provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

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