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1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** The American Rescue Plan Act
3 of 2021 (“ARPA”) provided funding to states and territories to assist with response
4 to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Governor Leon Guerrero reserved
5 over \$100 million in ARPA funds to begin the process of establishing a new public
6 hospital in Guam. These funds had to be obligated by December 31, 2024, and must
7 be spent by December 31, 2026. Because the obligation deadline has passed, those
8 funds must be utilized in furtherance of the stated purpose—to build a new medical
9 campus—or must be forfeited to the federal government.

10 In furtherance of the project, the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal
11 Authority (“GHURA”) has acquired or in the process of acquiring property in
12 Mangilao, Guam intended to serve as the location for the new hospital. And utility

1 agencies including the Guam Power Authority (“GPA”) and the Guam Waterworks
2 Authority (“GWA”) have initiated efforts to procure services for the installation of
3 power, water, and wastewater services in Mangilao, which will serve not only the
4 potential hospital, but also fortify utilities in the larger village. It is anticipated that
5 these infrastructure projects will exhaust the remaining ARPA funds.

6 While debate and discourse continues regarding the best location for a new
7 public hospital continues within our community, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
8 acknowledges the benefits that additional infrastructure will extend to the larger
9 Mangilao and Barrigada area. For example, in the advent of Typhoon Mawar,
10 Mangilao was one of the last areas in which water was restored, approximately one
11 month after the typhoon. Understanding that we have within our present capacity the
12 ability and the funding to resolve this urgent concern for the people of Mangilao,
13 and knowing we will have to forfeit over \$100 million in federal funds if we do not
14 expend such funds for this exclusive purpose by December 2026, *I Liheslaturan*
15 *Guåhan* finds that we must strive to ensure our government is able to use these funds
16 for the benefit of our people.

17 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to resolve issues that have
18 delayed progress toward the installation of infrastructure services in Mangilao.

19 **Section 2. Exemption from 5 GCA § 5150.** Notwithstanding any other
20 provision of law, the provisions of Section 5150, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated
21 shall not apply to contracts by and between the Guam Power Authority or the Guam
22 Waterworks Authority and contractors for the design and installation of power,
23 water, and wastewater infrastructure on properties in Mangilao acquired by GHURA
24 for the new medical facility. Section 5150 shall also not apply to contracts by and
25 between the Guam Economic Development Authority and any entity for
26 environmental assessments of properties in Mangilao acquired by GHURA for the
27 new medical facility.

1 **Section 3. Exemption from 5 GCA § 22601.** Notwithstanding any other
2 provision of law, the provisions of Section 22601, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated
3 shall not apply to contracts by and between the Guam Power Authority or the Guam
4 Waterworks Authority and contractors for the design and installation of power,
5 water, and wastewater infrastructure on properties in Mangilao acquired by GHURA
6 for the new medical facility. Section 22601 shall also not apply to contracts by and
7 between the Guam Economic Development Authority and any entity for
8 environmental assessments of properties in Mangilao acquired by GHURA for the
9 new medical facility.

10 **Section 4. Procurement Counsel Review.** Notwithstanding any other
11 provision of law, prior to execution of the contracts identified in Sections 5 and 6,
12 the agencies shall obtain approval of the contracts from the procurement counsel for
13 the General Services Agency as to legality and form.

14 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
15 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not
16 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
17 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
18 severable.