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10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE
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GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent**

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority
4 (GMHA), as the island’s only public hospital, plays a critical role in providing
5 essential healthcare services to the people of Guam. As a publicly funded institution,
6 GMHA continues to face significant financial and operational challenges, requiring
7 innovative solutions to ensure its sustainability and ability to deliver quality care.

8 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that GMHA has been actively exploring
9 opportunities to increase revenues and improve operational efficiency. Among these
10 efforts is the consideration of outsourcing certain non-clinical services, such as
11 dietary services, which include meal preparation and delivery for patients.
12 Outsourcing such services has been successfully implemented in other healthcare

1 institutions, resulting in cost savings, improved service quality, and enhanced focus
2 on core healthcare functions.

3 However, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the current enabling statute
4 governing GMHA imposes restrictions on the outsourcing of dietary services,
5 specifically meal services for patients. This statutory limitation prevents the hospital
6 from fully exploring and implementing outsourcing options that may be in the best
7 interest of the hospital and the government of Guam.

8 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to amend the Guam Memorial
9 Hospital Authority’s enabling statute to remove the statutory barrier that prohibits
10 the outsourcing of dietary services, including meal services for patients. By doing
11 so, this legislation seeks to provide GMHA with the flexibility to evaluate and
12 implement outsourcing options for all dietary services, should such actions be
13 determined to be in the best interest of the hospital and the government of Guam.

14 Through this amendment, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* aims to empower GMHA to
15 make strategic decisions that enhance operational efficiency, reduce costs, and
16 improve the quality of services provided to patients, while ensuring that the hospital
17 remains focused on its primary mission of delivering exceptional healthcare to the
18 people of Guam.

19 **Section 2.** § 80109(u), Chapter 80, Title 10 Guam Code Annotated is hereby
20 *amended* to read:

21 **§ 80109.**

22 (u) Retain or contract, in accordance with applicable procurement law,
23 services relative to the providing of cafeteria and/or other food vendor services, in
24 whole or in part as determined to be necessary and appropriate. This shall include,
25 but not be limited to, the management and operation of services for cafeteria, snack
26 bar, restaurant, and/or other food related services or activities as deemed appropriate
27 ~~for non-inpatient visitors, patrons and GMHA staff.~~

1 (1) The solicitation and contracting for food services may include, to
2 the extent deemed practicable, appropriate and necessary, the use of assets,
3 real property and/or facilities, and as further provided for in accordance with
4 Subsection (t) of this § 80109.

5 ~~(2) The authorization pursuant to this Subsection (u) to retain and~~
6 ~~contract services relative to the providing of cafeteria and/or other food~~
7 ~~services shall not apply or pertain to replacing, supplanting and/or eliminating~~
8 ~~GMHA's in-house Dietetic Services department currently providing~~
9 ~~nutritional food services for inpatients.~~

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

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