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BE IT ENACTED BY THE YOUTH OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Intent and Purpose. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes that non-emergency medical transportation is a necessity that often becomes a barrier to individuals who do not have reliable transportation.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that it is the intent by the People of Guam, through the introduction of Bill No. 286-37 (LS) in *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* by Senator Therese M. Terlaje, and signed by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero on October 18, 2024 as Public Law No. 37-133 to provide free bus passes through the Guam Regional Transit Authority (GRTA) to expand transportation options for those who have legal obligations, hearings, medical appointments, and other proceedings of that nature. This provision

originally includes agencies like the Guam Department of Education (GDOE), Child Protective Services (CPS), the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA), the Judiciary of Guam, and the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC).

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that though most medical services are not performed at inpatient medical facilities, patients may still need to go to these facilities, like the Guam Memorial Hospital, for follow-up appointments or services following a previous admission or consultation. Appointments/services can range based on referral or need, to include but not limited to laboratory services, radiology testing, surgical services, respiratory care, and rehabilitative services. In addition, providing free transportation for residents to seek medical care in non-emergency situations would promote early recognition and treatment, continuity of care, and overall improved healthcare access.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that the lack of funding to this measure may cause delays in the implementation of service. Adding another service agency may increase the workload on the Guam Regional Transit Authority to shuttle individuals to and from the added agency, making it challenging to maintain services should they be offered.

Recognizing these challenges, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* affirms the value of healthcare accessibility and addressing socioeconomic barriers that could affect how members of the community perceive and make use of health resources. Therefore, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends to amend §6105(b)(3)(A) of Article 1, Chapter 6, Title 12, Guam Code Annotated to include the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority as a service agency under the Guam Regional Transit Authority

Section 2. § 6105(b)(3)(A) of Article 1, Chapter 6, Title 12, Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

"(A) Bus passes shall be provided to Child Protective Services (CPS), the Guam Department of Education (GDOE), the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA), the Judiciary of Guam, the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC), and the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) at the request of the agencies."

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, 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 be effective upon enactment.