

A PROPOSAL

To add a new Section ____ to Article III to establish the hospitals and dispensaries of the Commonwealth as Independent administrative entities.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

Upon ratification pursuant to Section 5 of Article XVIII of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution and Public Law No. 4-30, a new Section _____ is added to Article III of the Constitution to read:

"Section _____. Hospitals and Dispensaries. The hospitals and dispensaries in each island or group of islands served by a mayor shall be organized as independent administrative entities under the direction of boards of directors composed of five members. Each board of directors shall be composed of the mayor of the island or group of islands in which the hospital and/or dispensaries are located, the head of the principal department responsible for health services in the Commonwealth, and three private individuals who are residents of the island or group of islands in which the hospital and/or dispensaries are located and who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each board of directors shall ensure that receipts equal or exceed the expenses of the hospitals and/or dispensaries under their jurisdiction in each fiscal year. The policies of the hospitals and dispensaries of the Commonwealth and the policies of the principal department responsible for health services shall encourage the private practice of medicine. The legislature shall provide for the practical implementation of this section."

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