

MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 175 (EC)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO SET ASIDE NO LESS THAN 26±
ACRES OF LAND AREA WITHIN THE
BOUNDARIES OF LOT NO. 10142-NEW, LOCATED
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DEDEDO, AND TO
AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR TO TRANSFER
THE PROERTY TO GUAM LITTLE LEAGUE
BASEBALL INCOPORATED FOR THE PURPOSE
OF CONSTRUCTING THE ASIA-PACIFIC
BASEBALL STADIUM.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. The participation by the
3 youths of Guam in Little League baseball has brought tremendous worldwide
4 exposure for Guam. The ability of our youth to succeed in baseball has
5 allowed us to host tournaments with participants coming from our
6 neighboring countries who are also the main source for our tourist industry.

7 With our Little League All Stars winning the Regional Tournament in
8 2001 and 2002 it allowed them to travel to Williamsport, Pa. and participate in
9 the International Division of the Little League World Series. The pride and

1 exuberance that captivated everyone on our island while watching them play
2 on live television through the ESPN cable network is an experience that
3 would not be forgotten.

4 An alumnus of Guam Little League and Guam Major League, John
5 Hattig, Jr. not only plays for the Toronto Blue Jays' Class AAA affiliate
6 Syracuse SkyChiefs but John also has been selected by Major League
7 Operations and the Major League Scouting Bureau to play on the World
8 Team, that will challenge the United States team as part of Major League
9 Baseball's 76th All-Star Game in Detroit, Michigan. John also has the
10 opportunity to become the first Guamanian to play in the Major Leagues.
11 Every young baseball player dreams to be part of Major League Baseball.
12 Despite playing on our islands mediocre facilities, John's dream of making it
13 to the Big Leagues should be a reality. We have an opportunity to offer our
14 youths a state-of-the-art baseball facility that will allow them to share the
15 dream that brought John Hatig, Jr. to the Big Leagues.

16 This will also allow Guam to be in the forefront of Sports Tourism. With
17 youthful teams accompanied by their parents from the Asia region which
18 includes China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand joining
19 teams from the Pacific region which includes Australia, Indonesia,
20 Micronesia, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines and the
21 Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas coming to Guam to play baseball,

1 we have an opportunity to market our island as a tourist destination which
2 will make them want to revisit Guam many times over through adulthood.

3 Mr. Gregorio A. Calvo has approached Little League Baseball
4 Incorporated with the idea of having the Asia-Pacific Region's Little League
5 Headquarters located in Guam. Such a Complex will not only include a Little
6 League field, a Senior League field and a Big League field but an
7 Administration Building and a Conference Center will be also part of the plan.
8 It is intended to be a year-round training for the adult volunteers-managers,
9 coaches, umpires and league officials from the Asia-Pacific region. It will also
10 be the site for all future Regional Tournaments. When the site is not in use, it
11 will be available to community groups for meetings and other events.

12 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that since the year 2000, Little League
13 Baseball, Incorporated has embarked on a \$20 Million capital campaign to
14 construct training facilities throughout the world. Guam is in such a position
15 to receive funding for an Asia-Pacific Regional Center provided that land to
16 house such a project could be make available for such a purpose.

17 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the original parcel of land consisting of
18 approximately 270 acres for the purpose of establishing a regional playground
19 and recreational area authorized in 1970 and has been reduced to 59.72 acres.
20 The land is being utilized on the west side by the Dededo Sports Complex, the
21 GPA Substation and the DPW Bus Satellite, consisting of approximately 13.8±
22 acres, and on the east side by the Guam Football (Soccer) Association,

1 containing an area of approximately 18.8± acres. There is approximately 26
2 acres± left in the center of what is now known as Lot 10142-NEW.

3 It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslatura Guåhan* to authorize *I Maga'lahren*
4 *Guåhan* to transfer the property to Guam Little League Baseball Incorporated
5 for the purpose of constructing the Asia-Pacific Baseball Stadium to include
6 the Little League Headquarters and Training Facility.

7 **Section 2. Authorization to Transfer.** *I Maga'lahren Guåhan* is
8 authorized to transfer approximately 26 Acres± of the 59.72 acres± located
9 within the boundaries of Lot 10142-NEW, Dededo, to Guam Little League
10 Baseball Incorporated. Should the proposed Asia-Pacific require additional
11 acreage, the required acreage will be obtained from the remaining portion of
12 Tract 100.

13 **Section 3. Terms of the Transfer.** Guam Little League Baseball,
14 Incorporated shall submit to *I Maga'lahren Guahan* and *I Liheslaturan Guahan* the
15 following:

16 (a) Upon transfer of the property, Guam Little League Baseball,
17 Incorporated shall provide a management and maintenance
18 plan for the facilities to be constructed.

19 (b) The design of the facilities to be constructed within the
20 transferred property shall be completed within six (6) months
21 from the date of the transfer and shall be paid by Guam Little
22 League, Incorporated.

- 1 (c) The construction cost of the facilities shall be paid by Guam
2 Little League Baseball, Incorporated.
- 3 (d) The construction of the facilities shall be completed within two
4 (2) years from the submission of the final design.
- 5 (e) Guam Little League Baseball, Incorporated is the authorized
6 organization to operate the facilities and schedule the events to
7 be conducted within the facilities.
- 8 (f) In the event that Guam Little League Baseball, Incorporated is
9 unable to comply with requirements of the terms of the
10 transfer, the property shall revert to the Government of Guam.