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January 24, 2012

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 155 Hesler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910 31-11-1268

Office of the Speaker judich T. Won Pat, Ed. D.

Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 401-31 (LS) "AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE MAPS OF THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST LEASE SITES PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 62, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO SUBDIVISION AND RECORDINATION PROCEDURES", which was enacted into law without the signature of I Maga'låhen Guåhan. The legislation is now designated as Public Law 31-170.

Senseramente,

EDDIE BAZA CALVO

Attachment: copy of Bill

# I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

## CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 401-31 (LS), "AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE MAPS OF THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST LEASE SITES PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 62, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO SUBDIVISION AND RECORDATION PROCEDURES", was on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2011, duly and regularly passed.

### I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 401-31 (LS)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

v. c. pangelinan
T. C. Ada
V. Anthony Ada
F. F. Blas, Jr.
B. J.F. Cruz
Chris M. Dueñas
Judith P. Guthertz, DPA
Sam Mabini, Ph.D.
T. R. Muña Barnes
Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr.
R. J. Respicio
Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
M. Silva Taijeron
Aline A.Yamashita, Ph.D.
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE MAPS OF THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST LEASE SITES, PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION, FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 62, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO SUBDIVISION AND RECORDATION PROCEDURES.

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

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that since
- 3 the initial implementation of the Chamorro Land Trust Leasing Program
- 4 (Program), the Chamorro Land Trust Commission (CLTC), as the Trustee to

public lands within its inventory, has *not* submitted the parceling of lands to the Guam Land Use Commission (GLUC).

From the initial inception of the Program until sometime in 2003, CLTC sketches *only* required the approval of the Administrative Director as a matter of Commission policy. Hundreds of sketches of leased parcels were processed without the approval of either the GLUC or the Department of Land Management (DLM), and further, lessees were permitted to enter upon and develop the properties for the enhancement of their livelihood. All maps were prepared and signed by duly licensed professional land surveyors

At the present time, a large number of CLTC lessees with CLTC-approved maps have requested that their maps be approved and recorded by DLM. As efforts were made to accommodate the requests, DLM remains adamant that these property maps will *not* be approved *unless* the CLTC acquires the approval of the GLUC, for properties subdivided into six (6) or more lots. Without GLUC approval, there is no likelihood that DLM will process, approve and record these maps in accordance with law.

Section 2. Legislative Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan intends to assist the hundreds of lessees of the Chamorro Land Trust Commission affected by the lack of approved maps by exempting maps, prepared and signed by licensed professional land surveyors, of the CLTC properties which were previously approved by the CLTC and/or its Administrative Director. Enactment of this legislation will assist in the expedient and timely processing of maps previously drawn for CLTC lessees, and consequently assist the CLTC to expeditiously process those leases and the list of applicants waiting for their maps to be approved.

It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* that the exemption *shall not* be applicable to any new applicants processing for maps under the CLTC for property

subdivision of two (2) or more lots, and *shall* comply with the provisions of Article
2 of Chapter 62 of Title 21, Guam Code Annotated.

# Section 3. Exemption From Provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 62, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated.

- (a) **Exemption.** Notwithstanding any provision of law, the *Chamorro* Land Trust Commission leased property maps, prepared and signed by professional land surveyors, which have been approved by the Administrative Director of CLTC, and which must be redrawn or updated to meet mapping requirements and submitted to the Department of Land Management for editing, final approval and recordation, are hereby *exempt* from the provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 62, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated, requiring the approval of the Guam Land Use Commission.
- (b) **Approval.** Any CLTC leased property maps prepared and signed by professional land surveyors and approved by the CLTC and/or the Administrative Director of CLTC are hereby deemed approved.
- (c) **Application to New Subdivisions.** Upon enactment of this Act, any new applications for subdivision of six (6) or more lots received by the CLTC *shall* comply with the provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 62 of Title 21.
- **Section 4. Severability**. *If* any of the provisions of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity *shall not* affect any other provision or application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

# I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

Date: 12/24/11

#### **VOTING SHEET**

Bill No. 401-31(13)					
Resolution No Question:					And the second
<u>NAME</u>	YEAS	<u>NAYS</u>	NOT VOTING <u>/</u> <u>ABSTAINED</u>	OUT DURING ROLL CALL	ABSENT
ADA, Thomas C.	<b>V</b> ,				
ADA, V. Anthony	$\sqrt{}$				
BLAS, Frank F., Jr.	$\checkmark$				
CRUZ, Benjamin J. F.					
DUENAS, Christopher M.	V,				
GUTHERTZ, Judith Paulette					
MABINI, Sam	V				
MUNA-BARNES, Tina Rose	$\sqrt{}$				
PALACIOS, Adolpho Borja, Sr.	V				
PANGELINAN, vicente (ben) cabrera	V				
RESPICIO, Rory J.	$\sqrt{}$				
RODRIGUEZ, Dennis G., Jr.	<b>V</b> /				
SILVA TAIJERON, Mana	$\sqrt{}$				
WON PAT, Judith T.	✓				
YAMASHITA, Aline A.	$\sqrt{}$				
TOTAL	15	4	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	ê

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

Clerk of the Legislature

\* 3 Passes = No vote EA = Excused Absence

# I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2011 (First) Regular Session

Bill No. 40/31(LS)

Introduced by:

v.c pangelinan

AN ACT TO EXEMPT MAPS OF THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST LEASE SITES PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 62 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO SUBDIVISION AND RECORDATION PROCEDURES.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that

2 since the initial implementation of the Chamorro Land Trust Leasing

3 Program (Program), the Chamorro Land Trust Commission (CLTC), as the

4 Trustee to public lands within its inventory has not submitted the parceling

of lands to the Guam Land Use Commission (GLUC).

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7 CLTC survey maps only required the approval of the Administrative

8 Director as a matter of commission policy. Hundreds of survey maps of

9 leased parcels were processed without the approval of either the GLUC or

that of the Department of Land Management (DLM), and further, lessees

11 were permitted to enter upon and develop the properties for the

enhancement of their livelihood. All maps were prepared and signed by duly

13 licensed professional land surveyors.

At the present time, a large number of CLTC lessees with CLTC-approved maps have requested that their maps be approved and recorded by DLM. As efforts were made to accommodate the requests, DLM remains adamant that these property maps will not be approved unless the CLTC acquires the approval of the GLUC, for properties subdivided into six or more lots. Without GLUC approval, there is no likelihood that DLM will process, approve and record these maps in accordance with law.

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It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* that the exemption *shall* not be applicable to any new applicants processing for maps under the CLTC for property subdivision of six or more lots and *shall* comply with the provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 62 of Title 2.

# Section 3. Exemption from provisions of Article 2, Chapter 62 of Title 21 of the Guam Code Annotated.

(a) Exemption. Notwithstanding any provision of law, *I Liheslaturan Guahan*, for and on behalf of the people of Guam and upon enactment of this Act, Chamorro Land Trust Commission leased property maps prepared and signed by professional land surveyors which have been approved by the CLTC and/or the Administrative Director of CLTC and

- which must be redrawn or updated to meet mapping requirements and
- 2 submitted to the Department of Land Management for editing, final approval
- and recordation, are hereby exempt from the provisions of Article 2 of
- 4 Chapter 62 of Title 21 requiring the approval of the Guam Land Use
- 5 Commission.

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- 6 **(b)** Approval. Any CLTC leased maps prepared and signed by
- 7 professional land surveyors and approved by the CLTC and/or the
- 8 Administrative Director of CLTC are hereby deemed approved.
- 9 (c) Application to New Subdivisions. Upon enactment of this
- 10 Act, any new applications for subdivision of six or more lots received by the
- 11 CLTC shall comply with the provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 62 of Title
- 12 21.
- Section 4. Severability. If any of the provisions of this Act or the
- 14 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such
- 15 invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this Act
- which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to
- this end the provisions of this Act are severable.