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Bill No. 239 -34 (COR)

Introduced by:

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

1 **Section 1.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the government of Guam first
2 entered into a 25 year lease with the Pacific Underwater Observatory for submerged
3 lands consisting of 668 plus or minus square meters in Piti in 1987. The lessee
4 created an underwater observatory on the reef of Piti Guam where tourists go to view
5 the fish and other reef animals underwater. This lease was recently extended starting
6 in 2014, but document dated 2017, for another 25 years. The lease payment is
7 presently \$21,258.49 per year, with escalating payments of 10% every five years.
8 This payment is now directed to the Land Survey Revolving Fund.
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10 The lease amounts to approximately \$1,800 per month, and as such is a very
11 small contribution to the Land Survey Revolving Fund. The Village of Piti, however,
12 being a small village with limited resources, can use this small amount of lease
13 payment for village improvements. Additionally, the Village of Piti is the host of a
14 tourist business on the shores within its boundaries and it is felt that the tourist
15 business should contribute to betterment of the village in which it is located.

16 **Section 2. Redirection of payments for Pacific Underwater Observatory**
17 **lease.** Notwithstanding the provisions of § 60603 of Article 6 of Chapter 60, Division
18 2, of Title 21 which directs government lease payments into the Land Survey
19 Revolving Fund, the lease payments from the lease extension between the

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1 government of Guam and the Pacific Underwater Observatory, dated February 1,
2 2014 and filed under DLM Document No. 14-0154 shall be hereafter deposited in the
3 Piti Municipal Planning Council Revolving Fund set up under the authority of
4 § 40135 of Article 1, Chapter 40, Division 4 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated.

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

10 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* become effective upon enactment.