




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**AN ACT TO TRANSFER TITLE OF LOT NO. 5397
MUNICIPALITY OF BARRIGADA, GUAM TO
THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM.**

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslatura* finds that Lot
3 No. 5397, Municipality of Barrigada is registered in the name of the
4 Government of Guam as owner in fee simple, subject to a reversionary
5 interest of the United States in the event the lot is used for other than its
6 intended purposes. Lot No. 5397 is commonly known as the "Cliff Line
7 Property". Title in the name of the Government of Guam was granted by the
8 Superior Court of Guam on March 29, 1999, pursuant to a Petition for
9 Registration of Title to Land.

10 *I Liheslatura* notes that historically in January 1966 the Director of Land
11 Management of the Government of Guam filed and approved the
12 establishment of Conservation Areas. The administration of Lot No. 5397 is

1 stated as follows: "This area will be administered and controlled by the
2 College of Guam in conjunction with the Departments of Agriculture, Land
3 Management and Public Works." *I Liheslatura* further finds that Public Law
4 22-18 designated Lot No. 5397 as Reserved Land to be managed jointly by the
5 University of Guam, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Park
6 and Recreation for the Marine Lab Expansion, Conservation Reserve and
7 Prehistoric Site. Lot No. 5397 holds perhaps the best preserved tract of
8 limestone forest on Guam, resulting from the inaccessibility of the area due to
9 the difficult tower karst terrain that pervades it. Since January 1966 Lot No.
10 5397 has been in the control of the University, where it has been a biological
11 conservation site for the purposes of advancing the conservation, protection
12 and study of the natural soil and water conditions and of all native plants,
13 animal and water life. Further, Lot No. 5397 holds the University of Guam
14 Marine Laboratory, Marine Laboratory Visitors Housing Facility, and the
15 Water and Environmental Research Institute (WERI). The lot is used
16 extensively by University classes for field trips and by University faculty in
17 the natural sciences for research. Future plans by the University include
18 continued use of the natural features of this lot in education and research, and
19 accommodating constructions of new facilities at the Marine Lab and WERI.

20 *I Liheslatura* finds that if title to Lot No. 5397 were transferred to the
21 University, the University would be free to proceed with specific projects and
22 plans to address these concerns. Inasmuch as the University has maintained

1 administrative control of Lot No. 5397 since January 1966, transfer of title of
2 Lot No. 5397 to the University would play a vital part in increasing the
3 University's revenue sources, fostering sustainability, and capacity building.
4 It is for this particular reason that *I Liheslatura* finds it is now appropriate and
5 fiscally responsible that title of Lot No. 5397 be transferred to the University.

6 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to transfer Lot No. 5397
7 exclusively to the University of Guam for the purpose of continuing the
8 University's mission of Ina, Diskubre, Setbe and for purposes of increasing the
9 University's revenue sources, capacity building and sustainability, while
10 preserving the original intent in establishing the conservation area.

11 **Section 2. Transfer of Property.** Lot No. 5397, Municipality of
12 Barrigada, is hereby transferred to the University of Guam, pursuant to
13 §60112, Chapter 60 of Title 21 Guam Code Annotated, for purposes of
14 continuing the University's mission of Ina, Diskubre, Setbe. Any
15 development on Lot No. 5397 shall be consistent with the original intent of the
16 Conservation Reserve, that of the advancement of the conservation, and the
17 protection and study of the natural soil and water conditions and of all native
18 plants, animal and water life.

19 **Section 3. Issuance of Certificate of Title.** The Department of Land
20 Management shall issue a certificate of title for Lot No. 5397 in the name of the
21 University of Guam within thirty (30) days of this Act.

