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#### I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN THIRTY THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE 155 Hesler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

June 20, 2016

The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo I Maga'låhen Guåhan Ufisinan I Maga'låhi Hagåtña, Guam

Dear Maga 'låhi Calvo:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 141-33 (COR), 249-33 (COR), 282-33 (COR), 293-33 (COR), 298-33 (COR), 311-33 (COR), 313-33 (COR), 314-33 (COR), 315-33 (COR), 320-33 (COR), 321-33 (COR), and 323-33 (COR); and Substitute Bill Nos. 30-33 (COR), 291-33 (COR), 296-33 (COR), 302-33 (LS), 304-33 (LS), 305-33 (LS), 306-33 (LS), 307-33 (LS), 308-33 (LS), and 309-33 (LS), which were passed by *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on June 17, 2016.

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary P0<sup>2</sup> R.S M/carsin/n 6/20/16 5:35 pm

Enclosure (22)



### *I MINA 'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* 2016 (SECOND) Regular Session

# **CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LÅHEN GUÅHAN**

This is to certify that Bill No. 321-33 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF PUBLIC LAW 33-104, RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE PAYMENT PERIOD FOR THE EXPIRED LAND FOR THE LANDLESS CONTRACTS; TO WAIVE THE TEN (10) YEAR WAITING PERIOD PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY FOR EXCEPTIONAL CASES; TO PROVIDE A WAIVER FOR EXISTING RESIDENTS OF AFFECTED LOTS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR A JOURNAL VOUCHER TRANSFER OF FUNDS," was on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016, duly and regularly passed.

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Tina Rose Muña Barnes Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'låhen Guåhan this \_2074 \_ day of Jone.

2016, at <u>5:35</u> o'clock <u>J</u>.M.

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Assistant Staff Officer Maga'låhi's Office

**APPROVED:** 

EDWARD J.B. CALVO I Maga'låhen Guåhan

Date:\_

Public Law No.\_\_\_\_\_

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## *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* 2016 (SECOND) Regular Session

#### **Bill No. 321-33 (COR)**

As amended by the Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure, Lands, Border Protection, Veterans' Affairs and Procurement.

Introduced by:

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

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that
 Public Law 33-104 extended the time period to cure and remedy defaulted ten (10)-year
 contracts in the various *Land for the Landless* programs, and also authorized the transfer

of unpaid *Land for the Landless* subdivisions into the Chamorro Land Trust Commission
 lands inventory. According to data provided by the Department of Land Management
 (DLM), out of the three hundred ninety-one (391) defaulted accounts in the *Land for the Landless* program, thirty-nine (39) accounts were paid in full while forty-one (41)
 respondents requested for an appeal to the default notice letters.

*I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that many of the respondents appealed to the
default notice letters due to personal hardship, medical situations, and in some cases, the
original applicant-assignee of the subject lot of the defaulted contract currently resides
on the affected property.

10 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to extend the payment period of those 11 who have responded to the notices and allow them sufficient time to pay their balance 12 on the *Land for the Landless* default account.

13 Section 2. Section 2 of Public Law 33-104 is hereby *amended* to read as
14 follows:

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"Section 2. Notification of Purchasers Under the Land for the Landless Who Had Defaulted and Remedy.

17 The Director of the Department of Land Management (a) 18 (Department) shall exercise his best efforts to notify purchasers who 19 had defaulted on contracts under the Land for the Landless program to 20 submit, at the purchaser's option, an appeal to rescind the default. The 21 appeal must provide justification on why the default should be rescinded. Said notifications from the Department of Land 22 23 Management *shall* be sent via certified mail, and accomplished within 24 forty-five (45) days of enactment of this Act.

(b) Purchasers, or their legal beneficiaries, *shall* be given
thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the notice to submit their
appeal and justification to the Department. The Department *shall* have

forty-five (45) days to review the appeals and to make a determination. 1 Appeals that *do not* receive a determination within the forty-five (45) 2 days shall be deemed approved. 3

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If the Department finds the justification to be reasonable 4 (c) or pursuant to Subsection (b) above, and the purchaser, or his/her legal 5 6 beneficiary, is still eligible under the program's guidelines, the 7 Department *shall* give the purchaser the opportunity to rectify the 8 default within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of notice 9 that the default has been rescinded. However, the purchaser, or his/her 10 legal beneficiaries, shall be required to place, within thirty (30) days of 11 receipt of the notice that the default has been rescinded, a minimum 12 deposit of ten percent (10%) of the balance due.

13 (d)The remedy available to the purchaser, or his/her legal 14 beneficiary, *shall* be to pay the full amount of the balance due on the 15 initial Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) purchase price and any interest penalty, as described in Subsection (e) below. 16

17 An interest penalty *shall* be assessed on the unpaid balance (e) at an annual percentage rate (APR) of four and one half percent (4.5%) 18 19 from the date that the last payment was made or should have been made.

Funds received shall be deposited into the Chamorro Land (f)Trust Survey and Infrastructure Fund.

Re-entry. Every deed of conveyance of a lot under this 22 (g)23 Act *shall* contain a right of re-entry by the government if the grantee 24 sells or leases any of the conveyed property within ten (10) years after 25 the date of execution of the deed by *I Maga'låhi* (the Governor).

26 Limitations in Deed. Each deed conveying a lot pursuant (h) to this Act shall contain a reversionary clause to the government if the 27

grantee sells or leases any of the conveyed property within ten (10) years after the date of execution of the deed, or if the grantee inherits or otherwise acquires other land in Guam, in addition to the conveyed lot, and at the time of such subsequent acquisition of land the grantee has not constructed any structure on the conveyed lot.

(i) If complete payment of the account was made ten (10) years or more ago, but through some administrative error or some other reason a deed of conveyance failed to be signed, the ten (10)-year waiting period before any subsequent transfer can be made is hereby waived and the deed of conveyance *shall* be issued immediately without any reference to the waiting period. The furnishing of proof, which may include canceled checks, receipts, or account ledger, shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

(j) If upon a field inspection of the subject lot of the expired contract the Department finds that the original assignee-applicant for that lot is found to be currently residing on the lot, then the Department *shall* give the purchaser the opportunity to rectify the default by December 31, 2016. Interest *shall* continue to accrue in the payment extension period and the provisions in Subsection (c) of this Section *shall* apply.

(k) Notwithstanding any law, provision, rule, or regulation, the
 Department of Land Management is hereby authorized to transfer, by
 journal voucher, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to reimburse the
 Department for postal and publication expenses related to the
 administration of Public Law 33-104. The transfer *shall* come from the
 *Chamorro Land Trust Survey and Infrastructure Fund* identified as

Department of Administration Revenue Account Number 3669-57001,
 CLT-Sale of Government Land."

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3 Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this law or its application to 4 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity 5 *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this law that can be given effect 6 without the invalid provisions or applications and to this end the provisions of this 7 law are severable.