

SEVENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
SAIPAN DELEGATION  
FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION, 1991

SENATE LOCAL  
BILL NO. 7-3, D1

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

Requiring the transfer of land from the Marianas Public Land Corporation to JACINTO CASTRO CRUZ, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SAIPAN DELEGATION OF THE SEVENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1           Section 1. Findings. The District of the Seventh Northern Marianas  
2 Commonwealth Legislature (7th NMCL) finds that on or about 1966 the office  
3 of Land Management of the Trust Territory Government, Saipan, Northern  
4 Mariana Islands, granted to Mr. Jacinto Castro Cruz an agriculture  
5 homestead land containing an area of 30,000 square meters, more or less,  
6 in particular Agricultural Homestead No. 529. Further, the Third  
7 Senatorial District of the Seventh Northern Marianas Commonwealth  
8 Legislature finds that on or about same year Mr. Jacinto C. Cruz was  
9 asked by Land Title Officer of the Office of Land Management and by the  
10 Village Commissioner to surrender the before mentioned homestead lot in  
11 exchange for another parcel of land on a one to one ratio. Furthermore,  
12 the Third Senatorial District of the Seventh Northern Marianas  
13 Commonwealth Legislature finds that the above named individual was led  
14 to believe that the purpose for such land exchange was for the expansion  
15 of the Village of San Vicente and that such purpose never occurred.  
16 Instead, such parcel of land was later on deeded to someone else. In  
17 addition, the Third Senatorial District of the Seventh Northern Marianas  
18 Commonwealth Legislature finds that the 3,750 square meters (Tract/Lot  
19 No. 21706) more or less parcel of land granted to Mr. Jacinto C. Cruz in  
20 September 15, 1976 in exchange of Agricultural Homestead No. 529 was  
21 grossly inadequate, insufficient, incomparable and unfair.

1           Moreover, the Third Senatorial District of the Seventh Northern  
 2 Marianas Commonwealth Legislature finds and believes that Mr. Jacinto C.  
 3 Cruz has fully complied with all requirements of the Office of Land  
 4 Management and that the aforementioned travesty of justice has not been  
 5 corrected to this date.


6           Notwithstanding, the Third Senatorial District of the Seventh  
 7 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature finds that with this  
 8 legislation Marianas Public Land Corporation will be requested to  
 9 enter into a land exchange agreement with Mr. Jacinto C. Cruz correcting  
 10 the aforementioned injustice and thereof will adequately compensate him  
 11 for the taking of Agriculture Homestead No. 529.


12           Section 2. Land Exchange. Marianas Public Land Corporation is  
 13 hereby requested to enter into a Land exchange agreement with Mr.  
 14 Jacinto C. Cruz and deed to him in fee simple a warranty deed within  
 15 90 days after the passage of this Third Senatorial District legislation,  
 16 of 30,000 square meters, more or less parcel of land on Saipan.

17           Section 3. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its  
 18 approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.


20 Adopted: April 10, 1991

ATTEST:

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 23 GABRIEL B. BABAUTA  
 24 Acting Chairman  
 Saipan Legislative Delegation

  
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 LILLIAN C. VILLAGOMEZ  
 Temporary Secretary  
 Saipan Legislative Delegation

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 LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO  
 GOVERNOR  
 COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS