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Bill No. 127(EC)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §70.45 TO CHAPTER 70 OF TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO LEAVING CHILDREN UNATTENDED OR UNSUPERVISED IN MOTOR VEHICLES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

3 Section 1. A new Section 70.45 is hereby added to Chapter 70 of Title 9, Guam 2

4 Code Annotated to read:

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- "§70.45 Leaving children unattended or unsupervised in motor
- 7 vehicles; penalty; authority of law enforcement officer.
- 8 (1) A parent, legal guardian, or other person responsible for a child younger than
- 9 6 years of age may not leave such child unattended or unsupervised in a motor
- 10 vehicle:
- 11 (a) For a period in excess of 15 minutes;
- 12 (b) For any period of time if the motor of the vehicle is running or the
- health of the child is in danger.
- 14 (2) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (1)(a) commits a petty
- 15 misdemeanor.

- 1 (3) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (1)(b) is guilty of a
- 2 violation, punishable by a fine not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50) and not more than
- 3 Five hundred Dollars (\$500)
- 4 (4) Any person who violates subsection (1) and in so doing causes great bodily
- 5 harm, permanent disability, or permanent disfigurement to a child commits a
- 6 felony of the third degree.
- 7 (5) Any law enforcement officer who observes a child left unattended or
- 8 unsupervised in a motor vehicle in violation of subsection (1) may use whatever
- 9 means are reasonably necessary to protect the minor child and to remove the child
- 10 from the vehicle.
- 11 (a) If the child is removed from the immediate area notification should be
- placed on the vehicle.
- 13 (b) The child shall be remanded to the custody of the Child protective
- 14 Services Division pursuant to 19GCA: Ch. 13, unless the law enforcement
- officer is able to locate the parents or legal guardian or other person
- responsible for the child."