



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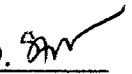
**I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 136-31 (LS)

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**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 27 TO TITLE 16 OF THE
GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE
POSITIONING AND USE OF IN-CAR VIDEO SCREENS IN
MOTOR VEHICLES.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that
3 in-car video screens have continued to grow in popularity. With the rise in demand,
4 placement choices have also expanded and screens are now being installed in the
5 driver's area to allow front seat viewing. Appeal has extended beyond the family
6 market, as in-car video screens have become part of a larger cultural phenomenon
7 where they serve as fashion statements and status symbols for car owners.

8 However, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* also finds that in-car video screens pose
9 safety concerns when a vehicle is being operated, even when the video screen is
10 properly installed. Citizens and vehicle safety experts assert that these screens can be
11 a distraction from the safe operation of a vehicle. Therefore, it is the intent of *I*
12 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* to regulate the placement of these monitors so they are not
13 viewable by an individual operating a vehicle.

14 **Section 2.** A new chapter 27 is *added* to Title 16, of the Guam Code
15 Annotated, to read as follows:

1 (6) a television receiver, video monitor, television screen, video
2 screen or any other similar means of visually displaying a
3 television broadcast or video signal, if that equipment satisfies
4 one of the following requirements:

5 (a) the equipment has an interlock device that, when
6 the motor vehicle is driven, disables the equipment for
7 all uses except as a visual display as described in
8 paragraphs (1) to (4), inclusive; or

9 (b) the equipment is designed, operated and
10 configured in a manner that prevents the driver of the
11 motor vehicle from viewing the television broadcast
12 or video signal while operating the vehicle in a safe
13 and reasonable manner.

14 **§27103. Penalties.** A violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor
15 and is punishable as such.”

16 **Section 3. Enactment.** The provisions of this Act shall become effective
17 immediately upon enactment.

18 **Section 4. Severability.** *If* any provision of this Law or its application to any
19 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall
20 *not* affect other provisions or applications of this Law which can be given effect
21 without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
22 Law are severable.