TWELFTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 1973 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Bill No. 233, "An Act amending Section 1714 of the Civil Code of Guam and to add a Section 1714.1 to said Code to provide that contributory negligence does not constitute an absolute bar to recovery in a civil action, and repealing Chapter VIII, Title XXIV of the Government Code of Guam, relating to liability to guests," was on the 24th day of September, 1973, duly and regularly passed by the Legislature.

Speaker

G. LUJAN, Acting Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this of 1973 at 1.45 o'clock

L. ANDREWS Attorney General of Guam

APPROVED:

ARLOS G. CAMACHO Governor of Guam

DATED: OCT 19 1973

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Introduced by

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AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 1714 OF THE CIVIL CODE OF GUAM AND TO ADD A SECTION 1714.1 TO SAID CODE TO PROVIDE THAT CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN ABSOLUTE BAR TO RECOVERY IN A CIVIL ACTION, AND REPEALING CHAPTER VIII, TITLE XXIV OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF GUAM, RELATING TO LIABILITY TO GUESTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM: Section I. Section 1714 of the Civil Code of Guam is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1714. Responsibility, negligence. Every one is responsible, not only for the result of his willful acts, but also for an injury occasioned to another by his want of ordinary care or skill in the management of his property or person, except so far as the latter has, wilfully brought the injury upon himself. The extent of liability in such cases is defined by Section 1714.1 and the Title on compensatory relief."

Section 2. Section 1714.1 is hereby added to the Civil Code of Guam to read as follows:

"Section 1714.1 Contributory negligence, when recovery barred. Contributory negligence shall not bar recovery in an action by any person or his legal representative to recover damages for negligence resulting in death or in injury to person or property, if such negligence was not as great as the negligence of the person against whom recovery is sought, but any damages allowed under the Title on compensatory relief shall be diminished in proportion to the amount of negligence attributable to the person recovering."

Section 3. Chapter VIII, Title XXIV of the Government Code of Guam, is hereby repealed.