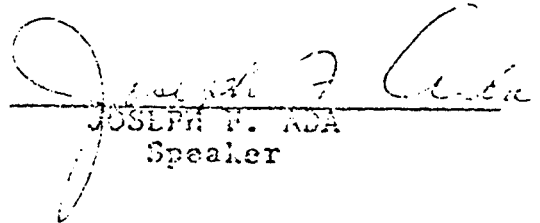


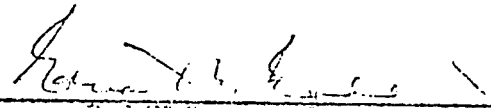
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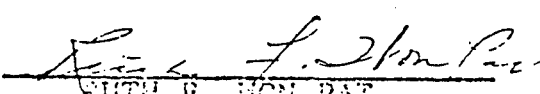
This is to certify that Bill No. 596, "An Act to amend Section 377 of the Code of Civil Procedure to broaden the rights of survivors of those who die by means of the wrongful act of another", was on the 1st day of June, 1978, duly and regularly passed.


JOSEPH P. ADA
Speaker

ATTESTED:


ERNESTO M. ESPALDON
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 7th day of June, 1978, at 4:28 o'clock P.M.


RUTH P. WCN PAT
Assistant Staff Officer
Governor's Office

APPROVED:

/s/ RICARDO J. BORDALLO
RICARDO J. BORDALLO
Governor of Guam

DATED: June 17, 1978
9:30 P.M.

Public Law 14-129

1 personal representatives of the decedent pursuant to the
2 provisions of Section 956 of the Civil Code may be joined
3 with an action arising out of the same wrongful act or
4 neglect brought pursuant to the provisions of this sec-
5 tion. If an action be brought pursuant to the provisions
6 of this section, and a separate action arising out of the
7 same wrongful act or neglect be brought pursuant to the
8 provisions of Section 956 of the Civil Code, such actions
9 shall be consolidated for trial on the motion of any
10 interested party.

11 (b) For the purposes of subsection (a), 'heirs'
12 mean only the following:

13 (1) those persons who would be entitled to
14 succeed to the property of the decedent according
15 to the provisions of Division II (commencing with
16 Section 290) of the Probate Code;

17 (2) whether or not qualified under paragraph
18 (1), if they were dependent on the decedent, the
19 putative spouse, children of the putative spouse,
20 step-children, and parents. As used in this para-
21 graph, 'putative spouse' means the surviving spouse
22 of a void or voidable marriage who is found by
23 the court to have believed in good faith that the
24 marriage to the decedent was valid; and

25 (3) minors, whether or not qualified under
26 paragraphs (1) or (2), if, at the time of the de-
27 cedent's death, they resided for the previous 180
28 days in the decedent's household and were dependent
29 upon the decedent for one-half or more of their
30 support.

31 Nothing in this subsection (b) shall be construed
32 to change or modify the definition of 'heirs' under
33 any other provision of law."