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

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

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

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

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

## 1 "CHAPTER 27 2 IN-CAR VIDEO SCREENS 3 §27101. In-Car Video Screen Use. A person shall not operate a 4 motor vehicle if the following equipment is installed at a point forward of the back of the driver's seat, or if the equipment is turned on and any images 5 6 displayed on the monitor or screen are visible by the driver: 7 a television receiver; (1)8 a video monitor: **(2)** 9 **(3)** a television screen 10 **(4)** a video screen; or any other similar means of visually displaying a 11 **(5)** 12 television broadcast video signal or that produces 13 entertainment or business applications. Exceptions. §27101 does not apply to the following 14 **§27102.** 15 equipment when installed in a vehicle: (1) a vehicle information display; 16 17 (2) a global positioning display; 18 (3) a mapping display; 19 (4) a visual display used to enhance or supplement the driver's 20 view forward, behind or to the sides of a motor vehicle for the 21 purpose of maneuvering the vehicle; (5) a mobile digital terminal, which is fitted with an opaque 22 23 covering that does not allow the driver to view any part of the display while driving, even though the terminal may be 24 25 operating; or

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.