

### I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN THIRTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE 155 Hesler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

September 3, 2015

The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo I Maga'låhen Guåhan Ufisinan I Maga'låhi Hagåtña, Guam

Dear Maga'låhi Calvo:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 97-33 (COR), 99-33 (LS), 112-33 (COR), 118-33 (COR), 122-33 (COR), 123-33 (COR), 126-33 (COR), 128-33 (COR), 138-33 (COR) and 140-33 (COR); and Substitute Bill Nos. 57-33 (LS) and 115-33 (COR), which were passed by *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on September 3, 2015.

**ŠE MUÑA BARNES** Legislative Secretary

Enclosure (12)



## I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

# **CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN**

This is to certify that Bill No. 97-33 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 7117 OF CHAPTER 7 OF TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO **REQUIRING THE ISSUE OF SALVAGE TITLE CERTIFICATES OF OWNERSHIP FOR VEHICLES TRANSFERRED TO INSURANCE** COMPANIES AS A RESULT OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS FOR TOTAL

LOSS." was on the 3rd day of September 2015, duly and regularly passed

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker

Tina Rose Muña Barnes Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'låhen Guåhan this  $3^{M}$  day of  $\underline{Sept}$ , 2015, at  $\underline{4:45}$  o'clock  $\underline{P}$ .M.

Assistant Staff Off Maga'lahi's Office

**APPROVED:** 

EDWARD J.B. CALVO I Maga'låhen Guåhan

Date:

Public Law No.

## *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* 2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

### Bill No. 97-33 (COR)

Introduced by:

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

2 Section 1. § 7117 of Chapter 7 of Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, is

3 *amended* to read as follows:

4 "§ 7117. Certificate: Contents.

(a) The certificate of ownership *shall* contain upon the face thereof the identical information required upon the face of the registration card.

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(b) The certificate of ownership *shall* contain upon the reverse side, forms for notice to the Department of a transfer of the title or interest of the owner or legal owner and application for such transfer by the transferee.

The certificate of ownership of a vehicle where title is 8 (c)9 acquired by an insurance company as a result of payment of an insurance claim *shall* prominently display the words "Salvage Title" 10 on said certificate. The words "Salvage Title" shall remain on the 11 12 certificate title in perpetuity for all successive owners of said vehicle or any secondary vehicle from which said vehicle's chassis or parts of 13 said vehicle's chassis is used to repair, replace or refurbish the 14 secondary vehicle. 15

Failure to disclose such insurance claim information, as stated in this subsection, to the Department of Revenue and Taxation when transferring ownership is a civil violation and subject to a fine of *not less than* Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). For purposes of this Subsection, *salvage* refers to any vehicle for which an insurance company has deemed not economically feasible to repair.

(d) An insurance company that obtains ownership by
payment of a claim for the full insured value of a vehicle *shall* obtain
a salvage title certificate of ownership, within ten (10) days of the
payment of such claim (weekends and government of Guam holidays
excepted), from the Department of Revenue and Taxation prior to
selling or otherwise disposing of the vehicle. The Department of

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Revenue and Taxation may charge said insurance company a fee not to exceed Three Dollars (\$3.00). Subsequent sales or transfers of a vehicle with a salvage title *shall* be subject to a fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). Fee revenues herein *shall* be deposited in the Better Public Service Fund, and are continually appropriated to the Motor Vehicle Division of the Department of Revenue and Taxation.

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7 In the event that an insurance company pays a claim for (e) 8 the full insured value of a vehicle and allows the insured to retain 9 ownership of the vehicle, the insurance company *shall*, within ten (10) days of the payment of such claim (weekends and government of 10 11 Guam holidays excepted), notify the Motor Vehicle Division of the Department of Revenue and Taxation of such claim. Subsequent 12 transfers of ownership of said vehicles shall be issued a salvage title 13 certificate of ownership, pursuant to this Subsection. 14

15(f) A vehicle that receives a salvage title certificate of16ownership may be registered for use on Guam's public roadways;17provided, that such vehicle is deemed safe for use on public roads by a18manufacturer authorized repair shop."