

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 8 (LS)

Introduced by:

Ray Tenorio

**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ITEMS () AND () TO §5123
CHAPTER 5 OF 5GCA RELATIVE TO GOVERNMENT
VEHICLE STANDARDS.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Government of Guam, like state and municipal governments elsewhere in the United States, must find ways to reduce the petroleum-based fuel consumption of its motor vehicle fleet. State and municipal governments have attempted to reduce consumption of petroleum-based fuels by such means as switching to alternative fuels or mandating minimum fuel efficiency standards.

I Liheslatura further finds that the cost to produce and/or ship alternative fuels to Guam now or in the near future will be prohibitive. *I Liheslatura* also finds that fuel efficiency rates [miles per gallon (MPG)] are largely subjective and can vary significantly depending on the agency or company doing the ratings, the degree to which the vehicle is maintained, and the road conditions and climate in which the vehicle is driven. *I Liheslatura* also finds that many vehicles that are rated as highly fuel efficient such as hybrid, electric or hydrogen vehicles may cost two to three times as much as similar size models resulting in a higher cost of ownership over the life of the vehicle.

1 *I Liheslatura* recognizes that two factors (1) engine type and (2) vehicle weight are
2 significant factors in fuel economy. Generally, the smaller the engine and the lighter the
3 vehicle, the better the fuel economy.

4 It is the intent of I Liheslatura to require that Government vehicles, except for
5 those used in public safety, busing, cargo and utilities maintenance have four cylinder
6 engines and weigh less than 2,700 lbs.

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8 **Section 2.** A new Item (___) is added to §5123 of Chapter 5 of 5GCA to read:

9 “(___) All vehicles purchased or leased by departments, agencies, public
10 corporations, branches or instrumentalities of the Government of Guam shall have
11 engines that have *no more than* four (4) cylinders and weigh less than Two thousand
12 seven hundred pounds (2,700 lbs.) without passengers, fuel or cargo unless exempted by
13 Item (f) of this Section.”

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15 **Section 3.** A new Item (___) is added to §5123 of Chapter 5 of 5GCA to read:

16 “(___) Vehicles used for public safety, busing, cargo and utilities installation,
17 repair and maintenance are exempt from the provision of Item (___) [*enacted by Section2 of*
18 *this Act*] of this Section. *I Maga lahen* may, by executive order, exempt vehicles from the
19 requirements of Item (___)[*enacted by Section2 of this Act*] of this Section.”

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21 **Section 3. Codification of Item enacted by Sections 2 & 3 of this Act.**

22 The Compiler of Laws shall codify the provision of law enacted by Sections 2 and
23 3 of this Act with the next available Section number/letter.