

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1990

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend 9 CMC Division 2 Chapter 1 Section 2101 to provide that previously registered right hand drive vehicles may continue to be registered in the Commonwealth.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known and
2 cited as the "Registration of Vehicles Amendment Act of
3 1990."

4 Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to
5 allow continue registration of right hand drive vehicles if
6 the vehicle has been previously registered in the
7 Commonwealth or the United States, its territories or
8 possessions.

9 Section 3. Findings. The Legislature finds that there
10 are a significant number of right hand vehicles now
11 registered and operated on the roads in the Commonwealth.
12 These right hand vehicles represent a substantial economic
13 resource to individuals and business which would be lost if
14 right hand vehicles were no longer allowed to be registered
15 in the Commonwealth.

16 Section 4. Amendment. 9 CMC Division 2 Chapter 1
17 Section 2101 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1 "(a) Every owner of a motor vehicle or bicycle
2 shall, before operating such motor vehicle or bicycle on
3 any highway in the Commonwealth, register it with the
4 Bureau. The application for registration shall be made
5 on the prescribed form, signed by the owner, and contain
6 the applicant's residence address as well as a brief
7 description of the vehicle or bicycle to be registered,
8 including the name of the manufacturer, the engine and
9 serial number when applicable, and whether said vehicle
10 or bicycle is new or used.

11 "(b) The owner of any foreign motor vehicle shall
12 exhibit such evidence that will satisfy the Bureau that
13 the applicant is the lawful owner of the vehicle;
14 provided, that no foreign vehicle with right hand drive,
15 shall be imported into the Commonwealth, or registered,
16 unless the vehicle has been previously registered in the
17 Commonwealth or the United States, its territories or
18 possessions."

19 Section 5. Severability. If any provision of this Act
20 or application is held invalid, the invalidity does not
21 affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can
22 be given effect without the invalid provision or application;
23 and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

