

AN ACT

To amend Public Law 7-14 to allow for the importation of right hand drive heavy equipment and construction vehicles into the Commonwealth; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. Amendment. Public Law 7-14 Section 4(b) is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "(b) The owner of any foreign motor vehicle shall
4 exhibit such evidence that will satisfy the Bureau that
5 the applicant is the lawful owner of the vehicle;
6 provided, that no foreign vehicle with right hand drive
7 except a heavy equipment or construction vehicle, shall
8 be imported into the Commonwealth, or registered, unless
9 the vehicle has been previously registered in the
10 Commonwealth or the United States, its territories or
11 possessions."

12 Section 2. Amendment. A new subsection "(c)" is added
13 to Public Law 7-14 to read as follows:

14 "(c) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,
15 any owner of a motor vehicle with right hand drive which
16 legally entered the Commonwealth prior to the effective
17 date of this Section, and any owner of a right hand drive
18 heavy equipment or construction vehicle shall be
19 permitted to register the vehicle upon the approval of
20 the Department of Environmental Quality regarding
21 vehicular emission control standards as found in the

1 Commonwealth's Air Pollution Control Regulations,
2 pursuant to 2 CMC 3101 et. seq., The Commonwealth
3 Environmental Protection Act, and presentation of
4 satisfactory evidence of ownership to the Bureau. The
5 Director of Public Safety is authorized to promulgate
6 regulations to define the types of vehicles to be
7 included in the definition of heavy equipment or
8 construction vehicles."

9 Section 3. Severability. If any section of this Act or
10 any regulation issued under the authority of this Act should
11 be declared invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent
12 jurisdiction, the judicial determination shall not affect the
13 validity of the Act or regulations as a whole, or any part
14 thereof, other than the particular part declared invalid or
15 unenforceable.

16 Section 4. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect
17 upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
18 without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

LUIS C. BENAVENTE
Acting Speaker
House of Representatives

EVELYN C. FLEMING
House Clerk

Approved this 30th day of Dec., 1991

LORENZO I. DE LEON GUERRERO
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands