

INTRODUCTION TO 15 GCA

A new Title 15 of the Guam Code Annotated was enacted by the Legislature (P.L. 16-52) to replace the former Probate Code of Guam. Title 15 contains four Divisions: Wills, Succession and Simultaneous Death, Administration of Decedents' Estates, and Guardian and Ward. This Title is a comprehensive re-enactment of the Probate Laws of Guam. However, the former Guardian and Ward portions of the Probate Code of Guam were re-enacted without change and can be found in Chapter 35 through the end of the Title.

The basis of the substantive changes is California law as of the date of drafting (1980). The procedural changes have been made to suit the conditions on Guam. The Law Revision Commission decided not to follow the new Model

Probate Code as there has been little dissatisfaction with the substance of the former Probate Code.

The effective date of this Title is March 16, 1982.

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