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NINTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1995

C.B. NO. 9-34

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 54 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by further amending section 201, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 5-81 and 7-54, for the purpose of raising the import tax levied on certain items, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

| 1  | Section 1. Section 201 of title 54 of the Code of the                 |
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| 2  | Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 5-81   |
| 3  | and 7-54, is hereby further amended to read as follows:               |
| 4  | "Section 201. Import taxes - Levy and rates. The                      |
| 5  | following import taxes are hereby levied on all products              |
| 6  | specified herein which are imported into the Federated                |
| 7  | States of Micronesia for resale except that the taxes                 |
| 8  | levied under subsections $(1)$ , $(2)$ , $(5)$ , $(6)$ , and $(7)$ of |
| 9  | this section shall apply to products which are imported               |
| 10 | into the Federated States of Micronesia for personal use              |
| 11 | and consumption as well as for resale:                                |
| 12 | (1) cigarettes, at the rate of twenty-five percent                    |
| 13 | ad valorem, except that any person may bring into any                 |
| 14 | State of the Federated States of Micronesia up to one                 |
| 15 | carton or two hundred cigarettes per trip tax-free, if                |
| 16 | such cigrettes are for that person's use and consumption              |
| 17 | and not for resale;                                                   |
| 18 | (2) tobacco, other than cigarettes, at the rate of                    |
| 19 | fifty percent ad valorem, except that any person may bring            |
| 20 | into any State of the Federated States of Micronesia up to            |
| 21 | one pound of tobacco or twenty cigars per trip tax-free,              |
| 22 | if such tobacco products are for that person's use and                |
| 23 | consumption and not for resale;                                       |
| 24 | (3) perfumery, cosmetics, and toiletries,                             |
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including cologne and other toilet waters, articles of

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perfumery, whether in sachets or otherwise, and all skin preparations used as applications to the hair or skin, lipsticks, pomades, powders, and other toilet preparations not having medicinal properties, at the rate of twentyfive percent ad valorem; soft drinks, drink mixes, drink preparations, coffee, tea, and nonalcoholic beverages, at the rate of twenty-five percent ad valorem; (5) beer and malt beverages, at the rate of twenty-five percent ad valorem; distilled alcoholic beverages, at the rate of ten dollars per wine gallon, except that any person permitted by applicable State law to possess, consume, and use distilled alcoholic beverages, may bring into such State of the Federated States tax free, an amount of liquor not to exceed two-fifths of a wine gallon per trip, if such liquor is for his personal use and consumption and not for resale; (7) wine, at the rate of twenty-five percent ad valorem, except that this tax shall not apply to any religious organization which is importing or receiving into the Federated States of Micronesia sacramental wine for use in the religious rites of such organization; foodstuffs for human consumption, at the rate

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of three percent ad valorem; provided, however, that fresh

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| 1  | citrus fruit shall be at the rate of twenty-five percent             |
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| 2  | ad valorem;                                                          |
| 3  | (9) gasoline and diesel fuel, at the rate of five                    |
| 4  | cents per gallon;                                                    |
| 5  | (10) laundry bar soap, <u>laundry powder soap</u> ,                  |
| 6  | bathing soap inclusive of deodorant soap, shampoo, baby              |
| 7  | oil, and cream products, at the rate of one-hundred and              |
| 8  | fifty percent ad valorem; and                                        |
| 9  | (11) all other imported products, except those                       |
| 10 | specified above, at the rate of four percent ad valorem."            |
| 11 | Section 2. This act shall become effective 180 days after it         |
| 12 | becomes law.                                                         |
| 13 | Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the            |
| 14 | President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming |
| 15 | law without such approval.                                           |
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| 17 | Date: 5/31/95 Introduced by: Jack Fritz                              |
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