A BILL FOR AN ACT

Forming and admitting a new State to the Federated States of Micronesia, the State of the Mortlocks, and for other purposes.

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


2. There is hereby created within the Federated States of Micronesia a new State, which shall be known henceforth as the State of the Mortlocks, comprising the Upper Mortlock Islands, the Mid-Mortlock Islands, and the Lower Mortlock Islands, currently in the State of Chuuk.

3. Section 2. Admission of the Mortlocks as a State. Upon the effective date of this act, the Mortlocks shall be admitted as a member State of the Federated States of Micronesia, with the same rights and privileges, and subject to the same duties and obligations, as the other member States, as provided for in article I, section 4 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

4. Section 3. Establishment of marine boundaries. Prior to the creation and admission of the Mortlocks as a new State, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia shall enact a statute establishing marine boundaries between the State of Chuuk, the State of the Mortlocks, and other adjacent States, by applying the principle of equidistance. State boundaries shall become official upon consent of the state legislature of each respective State concerned.

5. Section 4. Prospective effective date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2002.

6. Section 5. Effective date. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.
Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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