A BILL FOR AN ACT

[To further amend chapter 1 of title 24 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, by adding new sections 122 and 123 and by renumbering existing section 122 as section 124 for the purpose of banning all fishing vessels, and fishing vessel owners from fishing in the Extended Fishery Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia in the event a court judgment is entered against the fishing vessel or the fishing vessel owner in excess of \$25,000 for violations of laws of the Federated States of Micronesia, until such judgment is satisfied, and for other purposes.]

To further amend chapter 1 of title 24 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia by adding new sections 122 and 123 and by renumbering existing section 122 as section 124 for the purpose of banning all fishing vessels and fishing vessel owners from fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia in the event a court judgment is entered against the fishing vessel or the fishing vessel owner in excess of \$25,000 for violations of the laws of the Federated States of Micronesia until such judgment is satisfied, and for other purposes.

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

- 1 Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this act is to prevent
- 2 fishing vessels and fishing vessel owners who violated the laws of
- 3 the Federated States of Micronesia from fishing in the Extended
- 4 Fishery Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia. If a money
- 5 judgment has been entered by the Supreme Court of the Federated
- 6 States of Micronesia against a fishing vessel or a fishing vessel
- 7 owner in an amount in excess of \$25,000, such fishing boats and
- 8 fishing boat owners should be banned from fishing in the Extended
- 9 Fishery Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia until such
- 10 judgment is satisfied so as to preserve the dignity and integrity
- 11 of the Federated States of Micronesia as a nation and to encourage

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1 the world fishing community to honor the laws of the Federated
   States of Micronesia.
        Section 2. Chapter 1 of Title 24 of the Code of the
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   Federated States of Micronesia, as enacted by Public Law No. 12-
   34, is hereby [further] amended by adding a new section 122 to
   read as follows:
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              "Section 122. Ban. Any and all fishing vessels and
             fishing vessel owners which or who have had court
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             judgments entered against them in the Supreme Court of
             the Federated States of Micronesia in an amount in
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             excess of $25,000 shall be denied the ability to apply
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             for and/or to obtain any fishing licenses of any kind
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             whatsoever from the Authority to fish in the Exclusive
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             Economic Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia
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             until such judgment is satisfied."
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        Section 3. Chapter 1 of Title 24 of the Code of the
   Federated States of Micronesia, as enacted by Public Law No. 12-
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   34, is hereby [further] amended by adding a new section 123 to
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   read as follows:
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              "Section 123. Application. This act shall apply to all
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             unsatisfied judgments in the Supreme Court of the
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             Federated States of Micronesia, regardless of the date
             the judgment was entered. All fishing vessels and
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             fishing vessel owners which or who presently have
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             fishing permits issued by the Authority shall be allowed
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1	to exhaust the current term of said permit after which
2	time the fishing ban required by this Act shall
3	immediately take effect against any applicable fishing
4	vessel or fishing vessel owner."
5	Section 4. Chapter 1 of Title 24 of the Code of the
6	Federated States of Micronesia, as [amended] enacted by Public Law
7	No. 12-34, is hereby [further] amended by renumbering section 122
8	as section 124.
9	Section 5. This act shall become law upon approval by the
10	President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
11	becoming law without such approval.
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13	Date: 1/19/05 Introduced by: /s/ Isaac V. Figir
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