A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 2 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 203 thereof for the purpose of dividing the functions of the current Department of Health, Education and Social Affairs into two separate departments, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 203 of title 2 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No. 10-55, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 203. Departments.

(1) There shall be the following departments which shall be responsible for major programs or administrative support areas in the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia:

(a) Department of Economic Affairs, which shall contain among other units, a unit for Sustainable Development;

(b) Department of Finance and Administration, which shall contain among other units, a unit for the Budget;

(c) Department of Foreign Affairs;

(d) Department of Health [Education] and [Social Affairs] Welfare;

(e) Department of Education and Social Affairs;
(f) Department of Justice; and

[(f)] (g) Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure.

(2) The administrative head of each department shall be designated as a 'Secretary'.

(3) Succession.

(a) Any reference to a previously existing department, office, or division thereof shall apply to the appropriate successor entity.

(b) Any reference to any official or employee of an entity referred to in subsection (3)(a) of this section shall be construed as applying to the person holding the same or most similar position in the appropriate successor entity."

Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Date: 9/13/05__

Introduced by: /s/ Peter M. Christian

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