A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend section 104 of title 3 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No. 13-79, to add a Government Accountability Office to Congress, and creating a new chapter 8 concerning the rights, powers, and authority of the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Policy and Purpose. The purpose of this bill is to create the Government Accountability Office (GAO), an independent and nonpartisan agency, to work for Congress. The GAO shall perform work at the request of Congress or Congressional subcommittees or as mandated by public law or committee reports. The GAO shall advise Congress about ways to make the government more efficient, effective, ethical, equitable and responsive. The GAO will by request, audit agency operations to ensure federal funds are being spent effectively; investigate allegations of illegal or improper activities; issue decisions and opinions; perform policy analysis; report on government programs and policies to determine if objectives are being met; and other duties as directed by Congress to ensure that public funds are being properly utilized. Congress has created the GAO for the benefit of the citizenry of the Federated States of Micronesia to ensure a greater economy and efficiency of federal funds.

Section 2. Section 104 of title 3 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No.
13-79, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 104. Offices.

There shall be the following offices, which shall be responsible to the Presiding Officer:

(1) Administration and Budget Office; and within that the following functional activities:

(a) finance,
(b) administration and personnel,
(c) budget,
(d) State delegation administrative support,
(e) secretaries, and
(f) sergeant at Arms; and

(2) Office of the Legislative Counsel, and within that the Library and research; and

(3) Government Accountability Office."

Section 3. Title 3 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, is hereby further amended by creating a new chapter 8 entitled: "Government Accountability Office".

Section 4. Title 3 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding a new section 801 of chapter 8, to read as follows:

"Section 801. Rights and Powers. The Government Accountability Office shall have the right and power, by request of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, to audit agencies receiving national
government funding; investigate allegations of illegal or improper activities; issue recommendations and opinions; preform policy analysis; report on national government programs and policies; and other duties as directed by Congress.”

Section 5. Title 3 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding a new section 802 of chapter 8 to read as follows:

“Section 802. Authority. The Government Accountability Office shall derive its authority to act directly from the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia. The Government Accountability Office shall have the authority to subpoena in furtherance of its duties and responsibilities by resolution from the Congress.”

Section 6. 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: 9/5/14 Introduced by: /s/ Dohsis Halbert

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