## TWENTIETH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 2018

C.B. No. 20-183

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend title 25 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, by adding a new section 309, to provide for the banning of the importation of Styrofoam and plastic cups, plates and individual food containers, and plastic shopping bags, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA: Section 1. Title 25 of the Code of the Federated States of 1 2 Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, is hereby further amended by 3 adding a new section 309 to read as follows: 4 "Section 309. 5 (1) To protect the pristine environment of our 6 Nation, especially its marine resources, a total ban 7 of the importation of Styrofoam and plastic cups, 8 plates and individual food containers, and plastic 9 (primarily of thermoplastic synthetic polymeric 10 material) will take effect on January 1, 2019. 11 (2) For the purposes of this Act, an immigration 12 officer or customs officer may at all reasonable 13 times, and based on reasonable suspicion, seize and destroy any imported Styrofoam and plastic cups, 14 plates and individual food containers, and plastic 15 shopping bags but not limited to, the Financial 16 17 Management Act of 1979.

1	(3) The fine for importation of items banned
2	under this Act shall be \$500 for fewer than 1,000
3	items and \$2,000 for more than 1,000 items. Second
4	and subsequent violations of this Act shall result in
5	a fine of \$5,000."
6	Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
7	President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
8	becoming law without such approval.
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