A BILL FOR AN ACT

To prohibit the importation of motor vehicles having steering columns on the right-hand side, to prescribe penalties therefor, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Prohibition. The importation into the Federated States of Micronesia, after September 30, 1981, of motor vehicles having steering columns on the right-hand side is prohibited.

Section 2. Impoundment of vehicles. The Attorney General shall, upon knowledge or notification of the importation of such vehicles, cause such vehicles to be impounded and held under his custody. Within 60 days of importation, the importer shall, at his own expense, remove the vehicle from the Federated States of Micronesia or cause it to be destroyed or otherwise rendered permanently inoperable. Upon failure of the importer to comply with these requirements, title to the vehicles shall be forfeited to the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Attorney General shall dispose of the vehicles in any manner prescribed by this section.

Section 3. Violations. Violations of this act shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding $2,000 per vehicle, or imprisonment not exceeding one month per vehicle, or both. Compliance by the importer with the requirements of section 2 of this act shall constitute mitigation of the offense of unlawful importation, but shall not in itself excuse the violations.

Section 4. Effective date. Upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon becoming law without such approval, this act shall take effect on September 30, 1981.

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