A BILL FOR AN ACT

To establish the "1986 Government Vehicle Use Control Act," to authorize the promulgation of regulations thereunder, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Title. This act shall be known as the "1986 Government Vehicle Use Control Act."

Section 2. Government-owned vehicles covered. The use of Government-owned vehicles shall be governed by this act and regulations hereunder. As used in this act, "Government-owned vehicle" or "Government-owned vehicles" means a vehicle or vehicles owned by any branch, agency, authority, commission, board, program, or other organization of, or legislatively created by, the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Section 3. Use of vehicles.

(1) Government-owned vehicles shall be used only by employees and officials of the National Government and only for official Government purposes.

(2) The President, Vice-President, Speaker of the Congress, Chief Justice and Associate Justices, and the Public Auditor are the only persons who are assigned Government-owned vehicles on a 24 hour basis.

Section 4. Driver's licenses; license plates.

(1) No Government-owned vehicle shall be operated without an authorized license plate affixed to the rear of the vehicle in a clearly visible manner.

(2) No employee or officer of the National Government shall operate, or authorize the operation of, a Government-owned vehicle without a valid Government driver's license duly issued to him and in his possession.
(3) The Division of Security and Investigation of the Attorney General's Office shall be responsible for the issuance or authorization of Government license plates and driver's licenses.

Section 5. Regulations. The Attorney General, with the approval of the President, shall promulgate and adopt regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1 of title 17 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, governing the use, care, and safety of Government-owned vehicles.

Section 6. Penalties.

(1) Any National Government employee or official who violates the provisions of this act or any regulation hereunder, shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action which may include denial of use of Government-owned vehicles for up to 30 days for the first violation and indefinitely for subsequent violations, and a fine of $25 per incident; and

(2) Any employee or Government official who uses a Government-owned vehicle without authorization pursuant to this act or regulations hereunder shall be personally liable to, and indemnify the National Government for, any damages incurred to the vehicle or other persons or property during the period of such unauthorized use.

Section 7. Effective date. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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