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FIFTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1987

C.B. No. 5-102

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 23 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No. 4-71, by adding a new section 116 for the purpose of requiring operators of purse seiners to deliver their incidental catches, other than turtles and marine mammals, to the nearest inhabited island or State center within the Federated States of Micronesia; to renumber section 116; and for other purposes.

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

| 1  | Sect       | ion 1. Title 23 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia |
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| 2  | is hereby  | further amended by adding a new section 116 to read as follows:   |
| 3  |            | "Section 116. Disposition of incidental catches of purse          |
| 4  |            | seiners.  |
| 5  |            | (1) For the purpose of this section, 'incidental                  |
| 6  |            | catches' means any fish taken by the use of a purse seine         |
| 7  |            | which is not kept. It does not include turtles and marine         |
| 8  |            | mammals.  |
| 9  |            | (2) The operators of all purse seiners within the                 |
| 10 |            | jurisdiction of the Federated States of Micronesia shall,         |
| 11 |            | as soon as is practicable, after the sorting of fish, deliver     |
| 12 |            | all incidental catches to the nearest inhabited island or         |
| 13 |            | State center within the Federated States of Micronesia."          |
| 14 | Secti      | ion 2. Section 116 of title 23 of the Code of the Federated       |
| 15 | States of  | Micronesia is hereby renumbered as section 117.                   |
| 16 | Secti      | ion 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the             |
| 17 | President  | of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming        |
| 18 | law withou | it such approval.   |
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