A BILL FOR AN ACT

To require the giving of air passenger safety instructions in both English and the indigenous language of the State of departure aboard larger airplanes providing international air service to the Federated States of Micronesia, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Any person providing regularly scheduled
2 passenger air transportation service between any State of the
3 Federated States of Micronesia and any other nation aboard
4 aircraft capable of transporting more than 25 passengers at one
5 time shall provide, before departure from any State in which
6 passengers are boarded, oral air passenger safety instructions in
7 both the English language and in the indigenous language of
8 the State of departure. The oral instructions may be supplied by
9 recording broadcast throughout the aircraft cabin, provided such
10 recording is clearly audible and intelligible.

11 Section 2. As used in section 1, the term "indigenous language
12 of the State of departure" shall mean the following:
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14 (1) In the State of Kosrae, the Kosraean language;
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16 (2) In the State of Pohnpei, the Pohnpeian language as
17 spoken on Pohnpei proper;
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19 (3) In the State of Truk, the Trukese language as spoken on
20 Moen; and
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22 (4) In the State of Yap, the Yapese language as spoken on
23 Yap proper.

24 Section 3. The Secretary of Transportation is authorized to
25 issue implementing regulations which shall provide for the imposition
26 of civil penalties, not to exceed $5,000 per offense, for the failure
27 to provide air passenger safety instructions in the required
28 languages.

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Section 4. 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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