A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 202 of title 50 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide for entitlement of Federated States of Micronesia passports to certain non-citizen residents of the Federated States of Micronesia, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 202 of title 50 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 202. Persons entitled to passports. — No passport shall be granted to any person other than a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia unless that person:

(1) Shall have lawfully resided within the Federated States of Micronesia, whether prior or subsequent to the effective date of the Constitution, for at least five years immediately preceding the date of filing his application for a passport;

(2) Is a child or spouse of a citizen or is a national of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

(3) Has competence in at least one of the indigenous languages of the Federated States of Micronesia evidenced by passing a language examination prepared and administered by the President or his designee."

Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Date: ________________

Introduced by: ________________________

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