

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 505 of title 24 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), by putting an exemption for long line and pole and line fishing in the closed area, the twelve mile area seaward of the territorial sea, not to extend beyond twenty-four nautical miles from the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured, and for other purposes.

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

1           Section 1. Section 505 of Title 24 of the Code of the  
2 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as enacted by Public  
3 Law No. 19-167, is hereby amended to read as follows:

4           "Section 505. Closed area.

5           The twelve miles area seaward of the territorial sea not  
6           to extend beyond twenty-four nautical miles from the  
7           baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is  
8           measured is considered as a closed area. Fishing and  
9           exploitation of natural resources in this area are  
10          prohibited except that long line and pole and line  
11          fishing in the closed area are exempted. Any person, who  
12          violates this prohibition, including an operator, agent,  
13          and representatives of a fishing vessel shall be liable  
14          for a civil penalty of not less than \$15,000 and not more  
15          than \$50,000. The Authority shall have discretion to  
16          exclude any vessel involved in the violation of this  
17          section from a future license or fishing access  
18          negotiation. The Authority may exercise discretionary

1 exemption from this prohibition to locally owned fishing  
2 company.”

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

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7 Date: 1/9/23 Introduced by: /s/ Peter M. Christian  
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