SECOND CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1981

7-419

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

To prohibit the importation of motor vehicles having steering columns on the right-hand side, to prescribe penalties therefor, and for other purposes.

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

- 1 Section 1. Prohibition. The importation into the Federated States of
- 2 Micronesia, after September 30, 1981, of motor vehicles having steering
- 3 columns on the right-hand side is prohibited.
- 4 Section 2. Impoundment of vehicles. The Attorney General shall, upon
- 5 knowledge or notification of the importation of such vehicles, cause such
- 6 vehicles to be impounded and held under his custody. Within 60 days of
- 7 importation, the importer shall, at his own expense, remove the vehicle from
- 8 the Federated States of Micronesia or cause it to be destroyed or otherwise
- 9 rendered permanently inoperable. Upon failure of the importer to comply with
- 10 these requirements, title to the vehicles shall be forfeited to the Government
- 11 of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Attorney General shall dispose
- 12 of the vehicles in any manner prescribed by this section.
- Section 3. Violations. Violations of this act shall be punishable by
- 14 a fine not exceeding \$2,000 per vehicle, or imprisonment not exceeding one
- 15 month per vehicle, or both. Compliance by the importer with the requirements
- 16 of section 2 of this act shall constitute mitigation of the offense of unlawful
- 17 importation, but shall not in itself excuse the violations.
- 18 Section 4. Effective date. Upon approval by the President of the Federated
- 19 States of Micronesia or upon becoming law without such approval, this act shall
- 20 take effect on September 30, 1981.

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