A BILL FOR AN ACT

To declare a moratorium on the immigration of certain alien workers, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Declaration of Policy. The Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia finds and declares the following:

(1) It is now, and always has been, essential to the economy of the Federated States of Micronesia ("FSM") that FSM citizens be given preference in employment in all occupations and industries in the Federated States.

(2) Despite the increased availability of qualified and trained FSM citizens for many occupations and industries in the FSM, the number of noncitizen alien workers employed in the FSM in occupations and industries for which there are trained FSM citizen workers has steadily increased over the past few years.

(3) The increased employment of noncitizen alien workers in occupations and industries in which citizen workers could and should be employed is detrimental to the economy and living conditions of the citizens of the FSM.

(4) Due to the over-employment of noncitizen alien workers in occupations and industries in the FSM for which there are trained citizen workers, the public interest requires that the employment of noncitizen alien workers in such occupations and industries be limited
so as not to impair the wages, working conditions, and living conditions of FSM citizens.

(5) Current regulations implementing the labor laws of the FSM are outdated and obsolete and must be revised and updated to meet the needs of the FSM.

Section 2. Moratorium on Entry of Noncitizen Workers.

(1) Within sixty (60) days of this act becoming law, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia shall, by regulation issued pursuant to section 102(1) of title 17 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, declare those specific occupations and industries in the FSM for which there are insufficient qualified and trained FSM citizens. Thereafter, the entry of noncitizens into the FSM for the purpose of employment shall be strictly limited to entry for employment in those occupations and industries for which there are insufficient FSM citizen workers, as declared by the President. The list of specific occupations and industries for which there are insufficient qualified and trained FSM citizens shall be updated annually by regulation by the President.

(2) The entry of noncitizens into the FSM for the purpose of employment in occupations and industries in the FSM shall be strictly limited and shall be in strict accordance with the provisions of titles 50 and 51 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia.

(3) A noncitizen of the FSM shall not be granted an alien worker's entry permit or nonresident worker's identification certificate unless, by law, treaty or other written agreement, FSM
citizens are accorded equal or greater access to immigration and working privileges in the noncitizen's home country.

Section 3. Within 90 days of this act becoming law, the President shall issue revised and updated regulations implementing the provisions of title 51 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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.

Date: _____________ Introduced by: __________________________

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