

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 213 of title 1 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, to require the President, where Congress has overridden a presidential veto, to sign and date all Congressional Acts and assign a public law number thereto within two working days from receipt of the transmittal of the Congressional Act from Congress; to require the President, in the instance of a line-item veto, to assign a different number from the previous public law, and for other purposes.

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

1           Section 1. Policy and Purpose. The purpose of this bill is  
2 to ensure the effective implementation of Congressional Acts by  
3 veto override, by requiring the President of the Federated States  
4 of Micronesia to sign and date all Congressional Acts and assign a  
5 public law number thereto within two working days from the receipt  
6 of the transmittal of the Congressional Act from the Congress of  
7 the Federated States of Micronesia. Additionally to prevent  
8 confusion and misunderstanding, the bill will require all  
9 Congressional Acts, which have overridden a presidential line-item  
10 veto, to be assigned a different number from the public law  
11 containing the line-item veto. It is common understanding that  
12 once Congress has exercised its veto override powers pursuant to  
13 article IX, Section 2(q) of the Constitution of the Federated  
14 States of Micronesia that the Bill becomes law. The President has  
15 purely a ministerial task of issuing the public law number for the  
16 Congressional Act. There is no dispute as to the substance of the  
17 veto override. By amending title 1, section 213, Congress will

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1 ensure efficient and effective implementation of Congressional  
2 Acts, which are enacted by a Congressional veto override, as well  
3 as prevent misunderstanding.

4 Section 2. Section 213 of title 1 of the Federated  
5 States of Micronesia, as amended, is hereby amended by to  
6 read as follows:

7 "Section 213. Numbering of laws.

8 (1) Public laws shall be assigned a number by the High  
9 Commissioner as they become law, with or without his  
10 signature, in the order which they become law. Numbers of  
11 public laws enacted by the First Regular Session, 1965,  
12 Congress of Micronesia, shall be preceded by the  
13 figure "1-"; numbers of public laws enacted by the Second  
14 Regular Session, 1966, Congress of Micronesia, shall be  
15 preceded by the figure "2-"; numbers of public laws  
16 enacted by the Third Regular Session, 1967, Congress of  
17 Micronesia, shall be preceded by the figure "3-"; numbers  
18 of laws enacted by the Fourth Regular Session, 1968,  
19 Congress of Micronesia, shall be preceded by the  
20 figure "4-"; numbers of public laws enacted by the Third  
21 Congress of Micronesia shall be preceded by the  
22 figure "3C-"; numbers of public laws enacted by the Fourth  
23 Congress of Micronesia shall be preceded by the  
24 figure "4C-"F; numbers of public laws enacted by the Fifth  
25 and succeeding Congresses shall be preceded by an Arabic

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1 numeral representing the number of the Congress, followed  
2 by a hyphen, such as "5-".

3 (2) Private laws enacted by the Congress of the  
4 Federated States of Micronesia shall be numbered in the  
5 same manner as public laws, as set forth in subsection (3)  
6 of this section, except that such laws shall be known as  
7 private laws and not as public laws.

8 (3) Bills enacted by the Congress of the Federated  
9 States of Micronesia shall be assigned a number by the  
10 President of the Federated States of Micronesia as they  
11 become law, with or without his approval, in the order in  
12 which they become law. Public laws enacted by the First  
13 Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia shall be  
14 preceded by the figure "1" followed by a hyphen. Public  
15 laws enacted by subsequent Congresses shall be preceded by  
16 an Arabic numeral representing the number of the  
17 appropriate Congress, followed by a hyphen, such as "2-".

18 (4) For a Congressional Act whereby the  
19 Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia has  
20 overridden a presidential veto, the President of  
21 the Federated States of Micronesia, shall sign and  
22 date the Congressional Act and assign a public law  
23 number thereto within two working days from receipt  
24 of the transmittal of the Congressional Act. In the  
25 instance of a veto override of a Presidential line-

1           item veto, the public law number assigned shall not  
2           be the same number as assigned to the previous  
3           public law that contained the line-item veto."

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

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8 Date: 7/11/14

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