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:

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

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

"Section 213. Numbering of laws.

(1) Public laws shall be assigned a number by the High Commissioner as they become law, with or without his signature, in the order which they become law. Numbers of public laws enacted by the First Regular Session, 1965, Congress of Micronesia, shall be preceded by the figure "1-"; numbers of public laws enacted by the Second Regular Session, 1966, Congress of Micronesia, shall be preceded by the figure "2-"; numbers of public laws enacted by the Third Regular Session, 1967, Congress of Micronesia, shall be preceded by the figure "3-"; numbers of laws enacted by the Fourth Regular Session, 1968, Congress of Micronesia, shall be preceded by the figure "4-"; numbers of public laws enacted by the Third Congress of Micronesia shall be preceded by the figure "3C-"; numbers of public laws enacted by the Fourth Congress of Micronesia shall be preceded by the figure "4C-"; numbers of public laws enacted by the Fifth and succeeding Congresses shall be preceded by an Arabic
numeral representing the number of the Congress, followed by a hyphen, such as "5-".

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

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

(4) For a Congressional Act whereby the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia has overridden a presidential veto, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, shall sign and date the Congressional Act and assign a public law number thereto within two working days from receipt of the transmittal of the Congressional Act. In the instance of a veto override of a Presidential line-
item veto, the public law number assigned shall not be the same number as assigned to the previous public law that contained the line-item veto."

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

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