AN ACT

To prohibit the importation of one-time-use disposable Styrofoam and plastic food service items, and plastic shopping bags, by enacting a new chapter 4 of title 25 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Title 25 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, is hereby further amended by enacting a new chapter 4 entitled: “Prohibition on the importation of one-time-use disposable Styrofoam and plastic food service items and plastic shopping bags.”

Section 2. Title 25 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, is hereby further amended by enacting a new section 401 of chapter 4 to read as follows:

“Section 401. It shall be unlawful for a person to import one-time-use disposable Styrofoam and plastic food service items, such as: plates, cups and eating utensils, and plastic shopping bags.”

Section 3. Title 25 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, is hereby further amended by enacting a new section 402 of chapter 4 to read as follows:

“Section 402. Nothing in this section shall prevent a person from importing reusable or recycled Styrofoam or plastic food service items, or plastic shopping bags.”
Section 4. Title 25 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), hereby amended, is hereby further amended by enacting a new section 403 of chapter 4 to read as follows:

"Section 403. For the purposes of this section, an immigration or customs officer may at all reasonable times and based on reasonable suspicion seize and destroy any items prohibited under this chapter."

Section 5. The provisions of Section 2 of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2020.

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

February 7, 2020

/s/ David W. Panuelo
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President
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