A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend title 23 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, by adding a new section 115 for the purpose of requiring operators of purse seiners to deliver their incidental catches, other than turtles and marine mammals, to the nearest inhabited island or State center within the Federated States of Micronesia, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Title 23 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended by adding a new section 115 to read as follows:

"Section 115. Disposition of incidental catches of purse seiners.

(1) For the purpose of this section, 'incidental catches' means any fish taken by the use of a purse seine which is not kept. It does not include turtles and marine mammals.

(2) The operators of all purse seiners within the jurisdiction of the Federated States of Micronesia shall, as soon as is practicable, after the sorting of fish, deliver all incidental catches to the nearest inhabited island or State center within the Federated States of Micronesia."

Section 2. Section 115 of title 23 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby renumbered as section 116.

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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