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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To authorize the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to recognize diplomatic agents to serve within the Federated States of Micronesia and to provide immunity from suit for those individuals, and for other purposes.

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

1           Section 1. Recognition of diplomatic agents. The President  
2 of the Federated States of Micronesia is authorized to, and shall,  
3 recognize any ambassador or public minister of a foreign country  
4 who shall serve as a diplomatic agent in the Federated States of  
5 Micronesia. The designated person shall be granted diplomatic  
6 status.

7           Section 2. Immunity granted to diplomatic agents. Any such  
8 person designated as a diplomatic agent pursuant to section 1, and  
9 his family, employees, and domestic servants, shall be immune to  
10 any civil or criminal proceeding or suit by any court of the  
11 Federated States of Micronesia, its States, or any subdivision  
12 within a State. Any of these courts shall not cause to be  
13 arrested, prosecuted, or imprisoned any recognized diplomatic agent  
14 or seize, distrain, or attach his property. Any such action named  
15 in this section shall be deemed void.

16           Section 3. Exceptions to immunity. Section 2 shall not apply  
17 to any of the following individuals:

18           (1) A person who is, at the time he is served with a  
19 legal action, a citizen or inhabitant of the Federated States  
20 of Micronesia, who is in the service of an ambassador or a  
21 public minister, and the legal action is based on a debt  
22 contracted prior to his recognition pursuant to section 1 as a  
23 diplomatic agent.

24           (2) A person who is a domestic servant or employee of an  
25 ambassador or a public minister, unless the name of the

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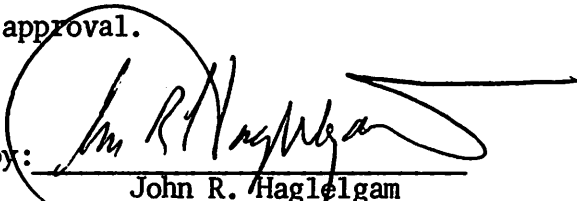
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1 servant or employee has, before the issuance of legal process  
2 against him, been registered in the Department of External Affairs  
3 and transmitted by the Secretary of External Affairs to the Chief  
4 of the Division of Security and Investigation, who shall upon  
5 receipt thereof post the name in some public place in his office.

6 Section 4. Executive discretion. Nothing in this act may be  
7 construed to limit the President's discretionary powers over the  
8 status of noncitizens.

9 Section 5. Effective date. This act shall become law upon  
10 approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia  
11 or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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13 Date: 7/18/85

14 Introduced by:   
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