

AN ACT

To amend section 506 of title 24 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), to prevent the imposition of a penalty on longline fishing gears placed beyond the twenty-four nautical mile area that drift into the closed area, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 506 of Title 24 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as enacted by Public
3 Law No. 19-167 and renumbered by Public Law No. 20-167, is hereby
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "Section 506. Closed area.

6 (1) Prohibition in Closed Area

7 The twelve miles area seaward of the territorial sea not
8 to extend beyond twenty-four nautical miles from the
9 baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is
10 measured is considered as a closed area. Fishing and
11 exploitation of natural resources in this area are
12 prohibited and shall be subject to penalty in accordance
13 with subsection (2). The Authority may exercise
14 discretionary exemption from this prohibition to locally
15 owned fishing company.

16 (2) Penalties. Any person, who violates this
17 prohibition, including an operator, agent, and
18 representatives of a fishing vessel shall be liable for a
19 civil penalty of not less than \$15,000 and not more than

