

A HOUSE BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of CSL No. 3-95-18 also known as the Chuuk State Motor Vehicle Code of 1995, as amended by CSL No. 6-01-09, CSL No. 8-07-03, CSL No. 10-09-05 and CSL No. 11-12-15 by amending section 502 to require all vehicles operating on the highway to be equipped with headlights that produce a white light; inserting a new section 509 to prohibit the impersonation of emergency vehicles and law enforcement vehicles; renumbering the subsequent sections thereof; and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Chuuk State Legislature:

1 **Section 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this Act is to further provide for the facilitation of
2 highway safety and efficiency by requiring all motor vehicles operating on the highway to be
3 equipped with headlights that emit a white light sufficiently clear and discernible by
4 approaching vehicles and pedestrians. It is also the purpose of this Act to prohibit the
5 impersonation of emergency vehicles and/or law enforcement vehicles through the use of
6 emergency devices as prescribed by this Act.

7 **Section 2. Amendment.** Chapter 5 Section 502 of CSL No. 3-95-18 as amended is
8 hereby amended to read as follows:

9 **“Section 502. Same; head lamps on motor vehicles.** Every motor
10 vehicle, other than a motorcycle or farm tractor, shall be equipped with two
11 headlights at the front of and on opposite sides of the motor vehicle. Every
12 motorcycle shall be equipped with at least one and not more than two headlights.
13 All headlights shall produce a white driving light sufficiently clear to render
14 clearly discernible a person two hundred feet ahead, but shall not project a glaring
15 or dazzling light to persons in front of such head lights. All vehicle utilizing
16 multiple beam head lamps shall use the lower beam when an oncoming vehicle
17 approaches within three hundred feet from the front or whenever the driver of the
18 vehicles approaches another within three hundred feet from the rear.”

19 **Section 3. Amendment.** Chapter 7 of CSL No. 3-95-18 as amended is hereby amended
20 by inserting a new section 509 thereto which reads as follows, and by renumbering the
21 subsequent sections thereof:

22 **“Section 509. Impersonation of Emergency Vehicles or Law**
23 **Enforcement Vehicles.** No motor vehicles other than authorized emergency

1 vehicles and law enforcement vehicles shall be equipped with any emergency
2 warning devices including sirens or siren-like devices other than horns, any red
3 or blue light visible from the front center portion of any vehicle, flashing lights
4 other than turn signals or headlamps, headlights and taillights used to warn others
5 of a particular hazard, and any other special warning device as designated by the
6 Director. For the purpose of this Act, an emergency vehicle is a police, fire or
7 ambulance vehicle, an emergency repair vehicle of the Department of
8 Transportation and Public Works, or any other vehicle specified by the Director
9 of the Department of Public Safety equipped with emergency flashing lights and
10 other emergency devices required by the Director in response to an emergency
11 call or in pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of law. For the purpose of this
12 Act, a law enforcement vehicle is a police vehicle owned by the Chuuk State
13 Department of Public Safety, the Weno Municipality Police or the FSM National
14 Police.

15 **Section 509 510. Misdemeanor violations of chapter.** It shall be
16 unlawful to operate a vehicle the equipment of which is in a condition not up to
17 the standards specified under Chapter 5 of this Code. Violation of the prescriptions
18 of this chapter constitutes a misdemeanor offense the conviction of which is
19 punishable by the penalties set forth at section 701 of Chapter 7 of this Code.”

20 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon approval by the Governor,
21 or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Date: _____

Introduced by: _____
Rep. Jeffrey J. Irons