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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend Section 101 of Title 18 and Section 5021 of Title 34 of the Palau National Code respectively to require Senate confirmation after presidential appointment of the Attorney General and the Director of the Bureau of Public Safety; and for other related purposes.

THE PEOPLE OF PALAU REPRESENTED IN THE OLBIIL ERA KELULAU DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Legislative findings.

The Olbiil Era Kelulau finds that positions carrying great discretionary authority should be filled through the process provided for Officers of the Republic by the Constitution. The Olbiil Era Kelulau finds that the positions of Attorney General and Director of the Bureau of Public Safety have grown to encompass responsibilities of national importance with significant independent discretion, and that they must be filled through the appropriate process. Therefore, Section 101 of Title 18 and Section 5021 of Title 34 of the Palau National Code should be amended to require Senate confirmation after Presidential appointment of the Attorney General and the Director of the Bureau of Public Safety.

Section 2. Amendment. Section 101 of Title 18 of the Palau National Code is amended as follows:

“§ 101. Definitions.

As used in this title, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

(a) “Arrest” means placing any person under any form of legal detention by legal authority.

(b) “Attorney General” means the legal officer ~~on the staff of the President or any person~~ appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate to manage all Assistant Attorney Generals, advise the Government of the Republic, and to represent the government and to supervise prosecutions throughout the Republic except where otherwise provided by law.

(c) ...”

Section 3. Amendment. Section 5021 of Title 34 of the Palau National Code is amended as follows:

“§ 5021. Director of Bureau; appointment.


1 (a) There shall be a Director of the Bureau of Public Safety who shall be responsible
2 to the President. The Director shall be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent
3 of the Senate. The Director and shall serve at the President's pleasure, for a term of but not
4 longer than up to three (3) years, and may be unless-reappointed upon completion of said term.

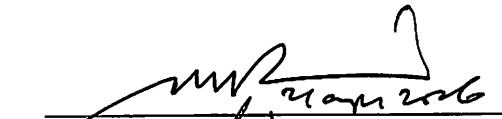
5 (b) The President may appoint an acting director in case of death, incapacity or
6 prolonged absence of the Director. An ~~a~~Acting ~~d~~Director shall serve until removed, until
7 formal appointment by the President, or until return of the Director. An Acting Director shall
8 not serve for more than nine (90) days."


9 **Section 4. Effective date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the President
10 of the Republic of Palau, or upon its becoming law without such approval.


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