NINTH KOROR STATE LEGISLATURE

2^{nc} Day, 3rd Regular Session, January 19, 2011

KSPL No. <u>K9-234-2011</u> (Intro. as L.B. No. <u>9-40, LD1</u>)

AN ACT

To amend KSPL No. K6-101-99, to amend KSPL No. K6-119-2001 as amended by KSPL No. K7-156-2005, and to amend KSPL No. K8-191-2007, all for the purpose of standardizing and increasing criminal penalties for conservation and marine protection, and for related purposes.

THE PEOPLE OF KOROR REPRESENTED IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF KOROR DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section . Findings.

The Ninth Koror State Legislature hereby finds that several Koror State laws provide penalties for violations, but the penalties are not uniform for violations of the law. In the case of marine protection and conservation laws, the monetary criminal penalties provide the greatest deterrent to violations of the law, and should be increased and standardized for uniform enforcement. It is in the best interests of the people of the State of Koror to standardize the monetary criminal penalties for violations of marine conservation laws.

Section 2. <u>Amendment of section "2.C." and section "3.G." of KSPL No. K6-101-99 to increase criminal penalties.</u>

A. Section "2.C." of Koror State Public Law No. K6-101-99 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- "C. Penalties. Any person convicted of violating section "2.B." of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and imprisoned for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days, or fined\$250.00 for a first offense and \$500.00 for a second and subsequent offenses, or both."
- B. Section "3.G." of Koror State Public Law No. K6-101-99 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - "G. Penalties. Any person convicted of violating section "3.B.", section "3.C.", section "3.D.", section "3.E.", or section "3.F." of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and imprisoned for a period not exceeding

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ninety (90) days, or fined \$250.00 for a first offense and \$500.00 for a second and subsequent offenses, or both."

Section 3. Amendment of section "3." of KSPL No. K6-119-2001 to increase criminal penalties.

A. Section "3." of Koror State Public Law No. K6-119-2001 is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "Section 3. Penalties. Any person who violates any provision of this Act shall, upon conviction, be fined no less than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for a first offense, and shall also be sentenced for a period of up to ninety days for each offense. Each subsequent offense after the first offense shall be punished by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and/or increased jail time, and no offense shall be deemed a continuing offense. Each individual item of marine flora or fauna that is taken or otherwise disturbed in violation of this Act shall also be deemed as a separate offense, which may be punished separately."

Section 4. Amendment of section "4." of KSPL No. K8-191-2007 to increase criminal penalties.

Section "4." of Koror State Public Law No. K8-191-2007 is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "Section 4. Penalties. Any person who violates any provisions of this Act or who violates any rules or regulations promulgated by the Governor for the administration or enforcement of this Act, shall, upon conviction, pay a fine in the amount of \$250.00, and may be sentenced to spend up to ninety (90) days in jail, or both. Upon conviction for a second and subsequent offenses, the monetary fine shall be increased to \$500.00 for each offense, in addition to any jail time imposed. Each separate day that this Act is violated, each separate location of violation, and each fish taken

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or possessed in violation of this Act, shall be a separate offense which may

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Section 5. Severability.

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In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any part or portions of this Act are invalid or otherwise unenforceable, then the offending part or portions may be stricken, and

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Section 6. Effective Date.

the remaining portion shall continue in full force and effect.

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This Act shall become effective upon its becoming law by operation of the Koror State

Constitution.

PASSED:

JANUARY 27, 2011

AS CERTIFIED AND ATTESTED TO BY:

Legislator Eyos Rudimch, Speaker Ninth Koror State Legislature

Feliciano S. Watanabe, Clerk Ninth Koror State Legislature

APPROVED ON THIS

Yositaka Adachi

Governor, State of Koror