NITIJELA OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

22ND CONSTITUTIONAL REGULAR SESSION, 2001 BILL NO. 63 N.D. 1

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An Act

To amend the Criminal Code, 31 MIRC, Chapter 1, to make the unlawful use of water or sewage service an offense.

Section 1. Short Title.

This Act may be cited as the Criminal Code (Unlawful use of Water or Sewage Service) (Amendment) Act, 2001.

Section 2. Amendment.

Section 161 of the Criminal Code, 31 MIRC, Chapter 1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(1) For purposes of this Section only:

(a) "water line" means any pipe, pump, or any other conduit or appliance used to transport water or salt water; and

(b) "contamination of sewer line" means the discharge into a sewer line of any matter that is not authorized in writing by the agency or corporation authorized to transport or discharge sewage through the line.

(2) Every person who wilfully or knowingly alters, damages, or contaminates a water line or a sewer line or any other facility or appliance of any agency or corporation authorized to transport or sell water or to transport or discharge sewage, or receives or uses water or sewage service without the written authorization of the agency or corporation, shall be guilty of a

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misdemeanor and shall upon conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding $500, or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six (6) months, or both. Upon a second or subsequent conviction, a fine of at least $500 shall be assessed, a term of at least one year imprisonment imposed, or both."

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Act shall take effect on the date of certification in accordance with Article IV, Section 21 of the Constitution.

Certificate

I hereby certify:

(1) that the Nitijela Bill No. 63 N.D.1 has been passed by the Nitijela of the Marshall Islands on the 4th day of October, 2001; and

(2) that I am satisfied that Nitijela Bill No. 63 N.D.1 has been passed in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Rules of the Nitijela .

I hereby place my signature before the Clerk of the Nitijela this 18th day of October, 2001.

Attest:

Litokwa Tomeing, Speaker
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

Joe E. Riklon, Clerk
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands