

AN ACT

to amend section 202 of the Maritime Act of 1990, in order to clarify the homeports for fishing vessels and yachts.

Section 1. **Short Title**

This Act may be cited as the Maritime Act (Amendment), 2003.

Section 2. **Amendment**

Section 202 of the Maritime Act of 1990 is hereby amended to read in the following manner:

No vessel engaged in foreign trade shall be documented under the laws of the Republic or be accorded the rights and privileges of a vessel of the Republic unless such vessel shall be registered in accordance with the provisions of this Part. The home port of every vessel so registered shall be Majuro, with the exception of fishing vessels, which shall have a home port of Jaluit, and yachts which shall have the home port of Jaluit or Bikini, and the name of the home port shall be shown on the Certificate of Registry.

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

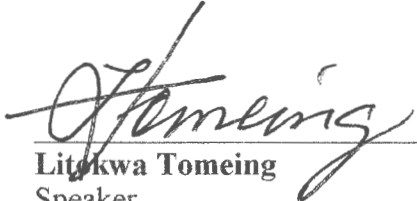
I hereby certify:

(1) that Nitijela Bill No. 150 was passed by the Nitijela of the Marshall Islands on the 22nd day of September, 2003; and

(2) that I am satisfied that Nitijela Bill No. 150 was passed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Rules of Procedures of the Nitijela .

I hereby place my signature before the Clerk of the Nitijela this 3rd day of December, 2003.

Attest:


Lita Kwa Tomeing
Speaker,
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands


Joe E Riklon
Clerk,
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands