

AN ACT

To prohibit the smoking of tobacco products and regulate the use of betel nut in all government buildings, and for other related purposes.

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

Section 1. Purposes. Exposure to tobacco smoke, also known as passive smoking, is a proven and potentially fatal health hazard. This act is intended to create a more healthful and aesthetic environment for government employees and patrons of government offices by prohibiting indoor tobacco smoking.

Section 2. Prohibition. No person shall smoke tobacco products in the interior areas of any building utilized for business purposes by any entity of the national government. Any person who shall violate this section shall be fined not less than \$25.00 for each such violation. The Bureau of Public Safety shall enforce this section through the issuance of citations for violations. All appropriate management officials shall be responsible for helping to enforce the provisions of this Act.

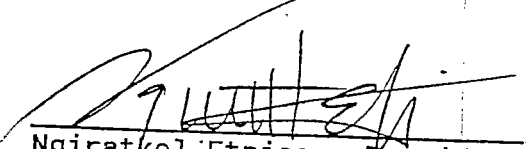
Section 3. Posting of notice. Each cabinet minister, the presiding officers of the Olbiil Era Kelulau, and the Chief Justice shall ensure that each building under his authority utilized for business purposes by the national government shall have notice of the prohibition provided for by Section 1 of this act conspicuously posted near all public entrances and at all other places necessary to promote compliance with this act. The lack of posted notice shall not be a defense to a charge of a violation of this act.

Section 4. Betel-nut chewing regulation. All appropriate management officials shall issue betel-nut chewing regulations to ensure a healthy and clean public building environment.

Section 5. Effective date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the President of the Republic of Palau, or upon its becoming law without such approval except as otherwise provided by law.

PASSED: October 15, 1991

Approved on this 11th day of November, 1991.


Ngiratkel Etpison, President
Republic of Palau