



*The President*  
*Palikir, Pohnpei*  
*Federated States of Micronesia*

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 18-127  
FSM CONGRESS

October 14, 2013

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert  
Speaker  
Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia  
Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941



Dear Speaker Halbert:

I am pleased to transmit the following Congressional Action, which I have signed to become Public Law No. 18-19:

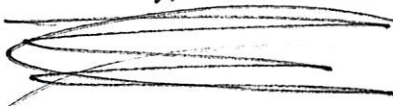
Congressional Act No. 18-19, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS AMENDED, BY CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 14 TO CRIMINALIZE SHINING LASER POINTERS AT AIRCRAFT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

As indicated on its title, the Act prohibits the act of shining laser pointers at aircraft for safety purposes. Subject to certain exceptions, the Act prohibits possession of laser pointers on airport premises. Moreover, the Department of Justice is authorized to provide by regulation additional exception from the prohibition defined in the act.

I thank Congress for passing this important amendment.

With warm personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,



Manny Mori  
President

Enclosure:

Xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court  
Secretary, Department of Justice  
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October 02, 2013

His Excellency Manny Mori  
President  
Federated States of Micronesia  
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Dear President Mori:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 18-19, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS AMENDED, BY CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 14 TO CRIMINALIZE SHINING LASER POINTERS AT AIRCRAFT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2013, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink is written over the name "Liwiana Ramon Ioanis". The signature is stylized and appears to be a cursive representation of the name.

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
Chief Clerk, Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures





PUBLIC LAW No. 18-19

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE  
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: WESLEY W. SIMINA

DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

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REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

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FIRST READING: SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

SECOND READING: SEPTEMBER 27, 2013

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
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*Office of the Speaker*


ACT NO. 18-19

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 18-68, C.D.1)

We hereby certify that on September 27 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2013, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.



Dohsis Halbert  
Speaker  
Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia



Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
Chief Clerk  
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EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2013

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 18-68, C.D.1

PUBLIC LAW No. 18-19

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AN ACT

To further amend title 11 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by creating a new chapter 14 to criminalize shining laser pointers at aircraft, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1       Section 1. Title 11 of the Code of the Federated States of  
2 Micronesia, as amended, is hereby further amended by creating a  
3 new chapter 14 entitled: "Laser Pointers".

4       Section 2. Title 11 of the Code of the Federated States of  
5 Micronesia, as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting a  
6 new section 1401 under chapter 14 to read as follows:

7               "Section 1401. Short Title. This chapter is known and  
8               may be cited as the "Federated States of Micronesia  
9               Safety Against Lasers Act".

10       Section 3. Title 11 of the Code of the Federated States of  
11 Micronesia, as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting a  
12 new section 1402 under chapter 14 to read as follows:

13               "Section 1402. Definitions. The following terms shall  
14               have the following meanings for the purposes of this  
15               chapter:

16               (1) 'Aircraft' means a machine or device that is used  
17               or intended to be used, for flight in the air and is  
18               capable of transporting persons and goods through the  
19               airspace;

1           (2) 'Laser Pointer' means any device designed or used  
2           to amplify electromagnetic radiation by stimulated  
3           emission that emits a beam designed to be used by the  
4           operator as a pointer or highlighter to indicate, mark,  
5           or identify a specific position, place, item, or object.

6           Section 4. Title 11 of the Code of the Federated States of  
7   Micronesia , as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting a  
8   new section 1403 under chapter 14 to read as follows:

9           "Section 1403. Prohibition on aiming a laser pointer at  
10          an aircraft.

11          (1) A person commits an offense who knowingly,  
12          intentionally, or recklessly aims the beam of a laser  
13          pointer at an aircraft in the jurisdiction of the  
14          Federated States of Micronesia, or at the flight path of  
15          such an aircraft.

16          (2) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this  
17          section shall be punished upon conviction by  
18          imprisonment for a term of not more than 5 years, or a  
19          fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.

20          (3) This section does not prohibit aiming a beam of a  
21          laser pointer at an aircraft by:

22                 (a) an authorized individual in the conduct of  
23          research and development or flight test by an aircraft  
24          manufacturer, the Department of Transportation,  
25          Communications, and Infrastructure, the United States

1 Federal Aviation Administration, or any other person  
2 officially authorized to conduct such research and  
3 development or flight test operations;

4 (b) members or elements of the Department of  
5 Justice acting in an official capacity for the purpose  
6 of research, development, operations, testing, or  
7 training; or

8 (c) by an individual using a laser emergency  
9 signaling device to send an emergency distress signal in  
10 the case of an emergency."

11 Section 5. Title 11 of the Code of the Federated States of  
12 Micronesia, as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting a  
13 new section 1404 under chapter 14 to read as follows:

14 "Section 1404. Prohibition of laser pointers on airport  
15 premises.

16 (1) A person commits an offense who knowingly  
17 possesses a laser pointer on the premises of an airport,  
18 including airport property surrounding the terminal;

19 (2) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this  
20 section shall be punished upon conviction by  
21 imprisonment for a term of not more than one year, or  
22 with a fine not exceeding \$600, or both.

23 (3) This section does not prohibit possession of a  
24 laser pointer on airport premises by:

25 (a) an authorized individual in the conduct of

1 research and development or flight test by an aircraft  
2 manufacturer, the Department of Transportation,  
3 Communications and Infrastructure, the United States  
4 Federal Aviation Administration, or any other person  
5 officially authorized to conduct such research and  
6 development or flight test operations;

7 (b) members or elements of the Department of  
8 Justice acting in an official capacity for the purpose  
9 of research, development, operations, testing, or  
10 training; or

11 (c) any authorized airport or airline personnel  
12 who uses a laser pointer in their official capacity."

13 Section 6. Title 11 of the Code of the Federated States of  
14 Micronesia, as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting a  
15 new section 1405 under chapter 14 to read as follows:

16 "Section 1405. Regulations and Exemptions.

17 The Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary  
18 of the Department of Transportation, Communications and  
19 Infrastructure, may provide by regulation, after public  
20 notice and comment, such additional exceptions to this  
21 Chapter as may be necessary and appropriate. The  
22 Attorney General shall provide written notification of  
23 any proposed regulations under this section to the  
24 Congressional Committee on Judiciary and Governmental  
25 Operations, and the Committee on Transportation,



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1           Communications, and Infrastructure not less than 120  
2           days before such regulations become final.

3           Section 7. This act shall become law upon approval by the  
4   President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its  
5   becoming law without such approval.

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October 19, 2013

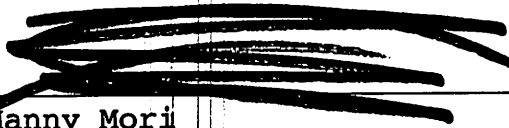
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