



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

December 10th, 2020

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
Twenty-First Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 21-473
FSM CONGRESS

Dear Speaker Simina:

I am pleased to transmit the following act, which I have signed into Public Law No. 21-215:

Congressional Act No. 21-227, entitled: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 19-85, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 19-55, 20-180, AND 21-50, BY AMENDING SECTION 4 THEREOF TO BROADEN THE MANDATE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON COMPACT REVIEW AND PLANNING (JCRP) IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE OVERALL GOAL OF THE AMENDED COMPACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the 21st FSM Congress for its cooperation in passing the act to continue to support to the important work of the JCRP. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David W. Panuelo
President

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court





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November 30, 2020

His Excellency David W. Panuelo
President
Federated States of Micronesia
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Dear President Panuelo:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 21-227, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 19-85, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 19-155, 20-180, AND 21-50, BY AMENDING SECTION 4 THEREOF, TO BROADEN THE MANDATE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON COMPACT REVIEW AND PLANNING (JCRP) IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE OVERALL GOAL OF THE AMENDED COMPACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", which was passed by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Ninth Special Session, 2020, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

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

Enclosures



PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 21-473
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TWENTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
NINTH SPECIAL SESSION
NOVEMBER 16 - 25, 2020

An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 19-85, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 19-155, 20-180, AND 21-50, BY AMENDING SECTION 4 THEREOF, TO BROADEN THE MANDATE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON COMPACT REVIEW AND PLANNING (JCRP) IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE OVERALL GOAL OF THE AMENDED COMPACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: FLORENCIO S. HARPER (BY REQUEST)

DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2020

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

WITHDRAWN – NOVEMBER 24, 2020

FIRST READING: – NOVEMBER 24, 2020

SECOND READING: – NOVEMBER 25, 2020

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress



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PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 21-473
FSM CONGRESS

ACT NO. 21-227

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 21-307, C.D.1)

We hereby certify that on November 25 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Ninth Special Session, 2020, 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.

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Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

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

TWENTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIFTH REGULAR SESSION, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 21-307, C.D.1

AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 19-85, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 19-155, 20-180, and 21-50, by amending section 4 thereof, to broaden the mandate of the Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning (JCRP) in order to achieve the overall goal of the Amended Compact, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 4 of Public Law No. 19-85, as amended by
2 Public Laws Nos. 19-155 and 21-50, is hereby further amended to
3 read as follows:

4 "Section 4. Mandate. The JCRP shall carry out the
5 following responsibilities and obligations:

6 (1) In consultation with the President and the Congress,
7 set goals and objectives in anticipation of the termination
8 of certain provisions, and for negotiations of the Amended
9 Compact of Free Association;

10 (2) Conduct a thorough analysis of all factors relating
11 the future of the Nation;

12 (3) Develop all necessary strategies and approaches to
13 enable the Federated States of Micronesia to explore
14 alternatives for the future of the Nation;

15 (4) Direct its Secretariat in preparing the
16 documentation necessary to accomplish its responsibilities
17 hereunder;

18 (5) Analyze all economic information available on the

1 Federated States of Micronesia, with the aim of identifying
2 the FSM's continuing requirement for reasonable, fair, and
3 effective financial assistance from all sources from the
4 year 2023 onward;

5 (6) Provide reports periodically to the Congress at each
6 regular session, and to the Office of the President, on all
7 developments, actual or potential, positive or negative,
8 that may be related to the future of the Nation, including
9 but not limited to new information, actions,
10 communications, domestic and foreign policies, bilateral
11 and multilateral plans, as well as periodic surveys
12 exploring the value of net benefits to a foreign nation
13 from an exclusive security prerogative;

14 (7) Collaborate with the State Governments, the
15 Department of Foreign Affairs, the Congress, and the Office
16 of the President in identifying the nominees for the JCRP
17 whose selection will be subject to Congress's expressed
18 approval;


19 (8) Use funds for each separate category of expense only
20 up to the aggregate amount of the line-items of the
21 corresponding expense category set out in the associated
22 appropriations bill or bills approved by Congress, and
23 select and hire the personnel needed to staff the
24 Secretariat, as specified in section 6 below; and

25 (9) Conduct negotiators regarding economic and social

1 assistance to the nation related to the Amended Compact of
2 Free Association, related subsidiary agreements, and other
3 provisions of U.S. laws related to the Compact of Free
4 Association."

5 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
6 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
7 becoming law without such approval.

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16 David W. Panuelo
17 President
18 Federated States of Micronesia
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