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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To require promulgation of licensing and practice regulations for health services personnel in the Federated States of Micronesia and to authorize the issuance of licenses therefor; to repeal Sections 152, 153, 154, and 156 of Title 66 of the Trust Territory Code; and for other purposes.

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

1       Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be  
2 cited as the "Health Services Licensing Act."

3       Section 2. Definitions. As used herein, unless otherwise  
4 indicated by the context:

5               (1) "President" means the President of the Federated  
6 States of Micronesia.

7               (2) "Secretary of Social Services" means the Secretary  
8 of the Department of Social Services of the Federated States of  
9 Micronesia.

10       Section 3. Establishment of regulations required and licensure  
11 of health services personnel authorized.

12               (1) The Secretary of Social Services pursuant to the  
13 provisions of section 9 of this act, shall establish regulations  
14 which set forth licensing and practicing standards for persons  
15 desiring to practice, or persons practicing, medicine, surgery,  
16 dentistry, nursing, and other health related services in the Federated  
17 States of Micronesia.

18               (2) All persons are prohibited from practicing such  
19 professions in the Federated States of Micronesia, except in an  
20 apprentice capacity under approved supervision, unless duly licensed  
21 or certified by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia  
22 as hereby authorized and in accordance with the licensing standards  
23 as set forth in the regulations promulgated hereunder.

24       Section 4. Record of license. A permanent record of each  
25 license issued and each license renewed in accordance with the

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1 provisions of this act, shall be maintained in a registry by the  
2 Division of Health Services, Department of Social Services, Feder-  
3 ated States of Micronesia.

4 Section 5. Existing Trust Territory licenses. Any health  
5 service related license issued pursuant to the authority of Sec-  
6 tion 152 of Title 63 of the Trust Territory Code and in effect on  
7 the effective date of this act shall remain valid in the Federated  
8 States of Micronesia until its expiration date, upon which time  
9 the licensing requirements of this act and regulations promulgated  
10 hereunder shall be complied with.

11 Section 6. Revocation or suspension of license. Any license  
12 issued or in effect pursuant to the provisions of this act may be  
13 revoked or suspended for cause by the Secretary of Social Services  
14 after due notice to the licensee, in writing, of the charge or charges  
15 that have been made, and the time and place where evidence in sup-  
16 port of the same will be heard; PROVIDED, that the licensee shall  
17 have had the opportunity to present evidence and be heard in his  
18 own defense.

19 Section 7. Penalty. A person who violates any of the provisions  
20 of this act or regulations promulgated hereunder, shall be deemed  
21 guilty of a crime and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not  
22 more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than  
23 one year, or both.

24 Section 8. Repealer. Sections 152, 153, 154, and 156 of Title  
25 63 of the Trust Territory Code and rules and regulations issued and

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1 promulgated thereto, insofar as they apply to the National Government  
2 of the Federated States of Micronesia, are hereby repealed in their  
3 entirety.

4 Section 9. Regulations. The Secretary of Social Services,  
5 upon approval of the President, is hereby authorized to issue and  
6 promulgate regulations implementing the provisions of this act,  
7 which regulations shall have the force and effect of law.

8 Section 10. Effective date. This act shall become law upon  
9 approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia  
10 or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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12 Date: 10/23/81 Introduced by: Peter M. Christian  
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