
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to section 2(d) of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide that a state may add a surtax upon taxes, duties, and tariffs imposed by the National Government on imports, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Proposed amendment. It is hereby proposed

2 that section 2 of article IX of the Constitution of the

3 Federated States of Micronesia be amended to read as

4 follows:

5 "Section 2. The following powers are express

6 delegated to Congress:

7 (a) to provide for the national defense;

8 (b) to ratify treaties;

9 (c) to regulate immigration, emigration,

10 naturalization, and citizenship;

11 (d) to impose taxes, duties, and tariffs based on

12 imports; provided that a state, at its option, may add a

13 surtax thereon;

14 (e) to impose taxes on income;

15 (f) to issue and regulate currency;

16 (g) to regulate banking, foreign and interstate

17 commerce, insurance, the issuance and use of commercial

18 paper and securities, bankruptcy and insolvency, and

19 patents and copyrights;

20 (h) to regulate navigation and shipping except

21 within lagoons, lakes, and rivers;

22 (i) to establish usury limits on major loans;

23 (j) to provide for a national postal system;

24 (k) to acquire and govern new territory;

25 (l) to govern the area set aside as the national

1 capital;

2 (m) to regulate the ownership, exploration, and
3 exploitation of natural resources within the marine
4 space of the Federated States of Micronesia beyond 12
5 miles from island baselines;

6 (n) to establish and regulate a national public
7 service system;

8 (o) to impeach and remove the President, Vice-
9 President, and justices of the Supreme Court;

10 (p) to define national crimes and prescribe
11 penalties, having due regard for local custom and
12 tradition;

13 (q) to override a Presidential veto by not less
14 than a 3/4 vote of all the state delegations, each
15 delegation casting one vote; and

16 (r) to promote education and health by setting
17 minimum standards, coordinating state activities
18 relating to foreign assistance, providing training and
19 assistance to the states and providing support for post-
20 secondary educational programs and projects."

21 Section 2. Procedure. This act shall become effective
22 upon its passage by Congress as an act of the Congress of
23 the Federated States of Micronesia, and it shall be
24 transmitted to the President for action in accordance with
25 chapter 7 of title 1 of the Code of the Federated States of

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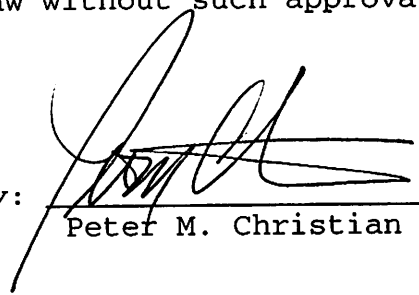
1 Micronesia. This proposed amendment shall become part of
2 the Constitution following completion of the procedures,
3 including its ratification by the people, as required by the
4 Constitution and law.

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

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