A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend Public Law No. 10-24 by amending section 14 to increase the employment ceiling for the Office of the President by three positions, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 14 of Public Law No. 10-24 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 14. Employment ceilings. Subsection (1) sets forth the maximum number of positions that may be hired by branches and agencies of the National Government.

(1) Positions funded for fiscal year 1998.

Executive Branch

Office of the President........... 15 22
External Affairs.................. 41
Finance........................... 91
Resources and Development...... 32
Transportation.................... 15
Health Services................... 23
Education......................... 8
Attorney General.................. 141
Public Defender................... 26
Budget Office..................... 11
Office of Planning and
Statistics......................... 32
Administrative Services........... 14

Legislative Branch

Congress.......................... 65

Judicial Branch

National Judiciary................ 28

Public Auditor.................... 18
1 Agencies

2 Micronesian Maritime Authority

3 Board of Regents of the

4 College of Micronesia

5 Federated States of Micronesia

6 Coconut Development Authority

7 National Postal Service

8 FSM Banking Board

10 (2) The number of positions authorized applies

12 individually to each of the departments and offices of the

13 Executive and Legislative Branches, the National Judiciary, the

14 Public Auditor, and to the agencies as provided in subsection (1)

15 of this section, except that the President may transfer up to 12

16 positions between the departments and offices of the executive

17 branch. This authorization of positions covers all permanent

18 employees and all contract personnel whose employment extends for

19 more than 90 days. No funds may be expended for unbudgeted

20 positions.

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

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Introduced by: Joseph J. Urusemal (by request)