

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 50 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 104 of chapter 1, and to amend title 51 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia by amending section 142 of chapter 1, to provide that alien workers may change employers and immigration status without leaving the jurisdiction of the Federated States of Micronesia, and for other purposes.

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

1           Section 1. Section 104 of chapter 1 of title 50 of the Code of  
2 the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as  
3 follows:

4           "Section 104. Entry permits - Duration; Habitual residence;  
5           Change of status.

6           (1) Unless otherwise specified, all entry permits are  
7 limited to one year maximum period with provision for  
8 renewal.

9           (2) A noncitizen who remains in the Federated States of  
10 Micronesia as a visitor under section 103(1) of this chapter  
11 for [~~±~~] one year or more shall be classified as a habitual  
12 resident. A habitual resident may be present in the  
13 Federated States of Micronesia only for 30 day visits as  
14 permitted by section 103(1) of this chapter or for a longer  
15 period of time as permitted by section 103(2), (3), (4), (5),  
16 (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11) or (12) of this chapter.

17           (3) The immigration status of any noncitizen entering or

1 residing in the Federated States of Micronesia may not be  
2 changed during his stay in the Federated States of Micronesia  
3 except upon written authorization by the President or his  
4 designee. For the noncitizen to change status, he shall be  
5 required to [~~leave the jurisdiction of the Federated States~~  
6 ~~of Micronesia and return to his country of origin and upon re~~  
7 ~~entry~~] apply for a permit reflecting his changed status and  
8 pay a fee. [~~Departure from the jurisdiction of the Federated~~  
9 ~~States of Micronesia is required in addition to, and not as a~~  
10 ~~substitute for, any requirements of the desired new status.]  
11 The President may impose conditions for such change of  
12 status. Marriage to an FSM citizen is not a basis for  
13 waiving the requirements of this section."~~

14 Section 2. Section 142 of chapter 1 of title 51 of the Code of  
15 the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 "Section 142. Change of employment.

18 No nonresident worker who is under a labor contract with an  
19 employer shall work for or be employed by any other employer  
20 during the term of such contract except upon written  
21 authorization by the President or his designee. Before a  
22 nonresident worker can work for or be employed by an employer  
23 different than his previous employer, he shall first be  
24 required to [~~leave the Federated States of Micronesia~~] apply  
25 for a permit reflecting his change of employment and pay a

1 fee."

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

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