A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend title 53 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, by amending section 307 thereof to provide for reinstatement of the entitlement to a survivor's spouse benefit for a remarried surviving spouse after becoming a widow or widower, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 307 of title 53 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 307. Surviving spouse's benefits.

(1) The surviving spouse of an individual who died fully insured, if such spouse has filed application, shall be entitled to a survivor's insurance benefit for each month beginning with the month of July, 1970, or, if death occurred after July, 1970, the month of death of his or her fully insured spouse and ending with the month preceding the month in which he or she dies or the month preceding the month he or she remARRies; provided, that such benefit shall be subject to the earnings test as defined in this title.

(2) The entitlement to a surviving spouse's benefit shall be reinstated for a remarried surviving spouse who becomes a widow or widower from his or her second
remarriage, such reinstatement to begin with the month in which the spouse from the remarriage dies, provided, that such benefit shall be subject to the earnings test as defined in this title. No person shall be entitled to receive, at any time, more than one surviving spouse benefit regardless that he or she may have survived more than one spouse."

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: /s/ Dohsis Halbert

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