A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 52 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 145 subsection 1 thereof, to delete maternity as a reason for leave of absence, and by adding a new subsection 3 to allow paid maternity leave for public employees of the National Government and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 145 subsection 1 of title 52 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, is hereby amended by deleting maternity as one of the reasons for leave absence to be granted to employees of the National Government. The new subsection 1 shall read as follows:

“Section 145. Leaves of absence.

(1) Leaves of absence with pay may be granted to employees by management officials for reasons of vacation, illness, [maternity], training, or education, or for such other reason as will be in the best interests of the public service. Eligibility for such leaves, the method and rate of earning such eligibility, and the duration of the leave shall be established by regulations.

(2) Leave of absence without pay may be granted for such reasons as management officials may deem proper and consistent with the best interests of the public service. Regulations may prescribe the characteristics of such leaves.
(3) Paid maternity leave of absence shall be granted to an employee for a period of six weeks per calendar year:

(a) For purposes of this section, “maternity leave” means leave in connection with the birth of a child of the employee.

(b) Paid maternity leave shall not be considered to be annual leave or sick leave accrued in a calendar year.

(c) Paid maternity leave shall not accumulate for any subsequent use if not used by an employee before the end of each calendar year.

(d) The employer through its management officials may require the employee to provide a doctor’s certificate indicating general condition during pregnancy and the expected delivery date.

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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