



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 17-357
FSM CONGRESS

January 17, 2013

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
17th FSM Congress
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941



Dear Speaker Figir:

I am pleased to transmit the following Congressional Act, which I signed to become Public Law No. 17-72:

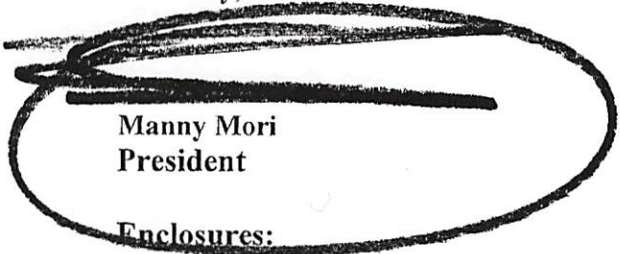
Congressional Act No. 17-75, "AN ACT TO AMEND THE TITLE AND SECTION 12 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-64, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-69, IN ORDER TO OFFER TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS AND TO CHANGE THE ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

The Act attempts to rectify errors in the allottee for the *Reimbursement to EU and Members and Staff Travel* under Section 8 of the FY2013 Budget Act. In the process of rectifying these errors, further error is committed through section 1 of the Act. Section 1 should amend the title of Public Law No. 17-69, which contained an erroneous title with the omission of reference to section 9. Since the title of Public Law No. 17-64 contains no error, no amended is needed.

This again is another example of hasty amendment made without public hearing and consultation. Hence, I reiterate the concerns I repeatedly raised before including my transmittal of various public laws on December 28, 2012. Because the errors in the Act do not rise to the level of constitutional defect, I grudgingly signed it to become law. However, we need to implement better coordination and more transparent practices to avoid repetitious mistakes in the future.

With warm personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,



Manny Mori
President

Enclosures:

Xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
Secretary, Department of Justice
Director, Office of SBOC
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January 14, 2013

His Excellency Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia
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Dear President Mori:

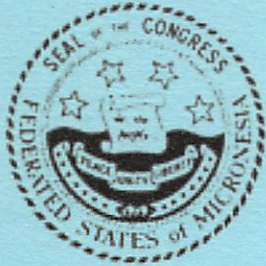
I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 17-75, "AN ACT TO AMEND THE TITLE AND SECTION 12 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-64, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-69, IN ORDER TO OFFER TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS AND TO CHANGE THE ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2013, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



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FSM CONGRESS

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
SIXTH REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 7 – 26, 2013

PUBLIC LAW No. 17- 72

An Act

TO AMEND THE TITLE AND SECTION 12 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-64, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-69, IN ORDER TO OFFER TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS AND TO CHANGE THE ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: DOHSIS HALBERT

DATE: JANUARY 8, 2013

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

WITHDRAWN – JANUARY 9, 2013

FIRST READING: JANUARY 9, 2013

SECOND READING: JANUARY 10, 2013

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
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PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 17-357
FSM CONGRESS

ACT NO. 17-75

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 17-207)

We hereby certify that on January 10 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2013, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

SIXTH REGULAR SESSION, 2013

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 17-207

PUBLIC LAW No. 17-72

AN ACT

To amend the title and section 12 of Public Law No. 17-64, as amended by Public Law No. 17-69, in order to offer technical amendments and to change the allottee of certain funds previously appropriated therein, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. The title of Public Law No. 17-64 is hereby

2 amended to read as follows:

3 “To amend sections 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 and 12 of Public Law
4 No. 17-64 in order to appropriate \$2,253,200 in
5 supplemental funding for the fiscal year ending
6 September 30, 2013; to align the budget act with Amended
7 Compact Grant awards and Supplemental Education Grant
8 award; to assign an allottee; and for other purposes.”

9 Section 2. Section 12 of Public Law No. 17-64, as amended by
10 Public Law No. 17-69, is hereby further amended to read as
11 follows:

12 “Section 12. Allotment and management of funds and
13 lapse dates.

14 (1) General Provisions.

15 (a) All funds appropriated by this act shall
16 be allotted, managed, administered and accounted for
17 in accordance with applicable law, including, but not
18 limited to, the Financial Management Act of 1979.

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1 (b) The allottees shall be responsible for
2 ensuring that these funds, or so much thereof as may
3 be necessary, are used solely for the purposes
4 specified in this act, and that no obligations are
5 incurred in excess of the sums appropriated.

6 (2) Allottees. The allottees of the funds
7 appropriated by this act are as follows:

8 (a) Section 2 - the allottee of these funds
9 shall be the President of the Federated States of
10 Micronesia;

11 (b) Section 3 - the allottee of these funds
12 shall be the Speaker of the Congress of the Federated
13 States of Micronesia;

14 (c) Section 4 - the allottee of these funds
15 shall be the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of
16 the Federated States of Micronesia;

17 (d) Section 5 - the allottee of these funds
18 shall be the Public Auditor of the Federated States
19 of Micronesia;

20 (e) Sections 6 through 9 - the allottee of
21 these funds shall be the President of the Federated
22 States of Micronesia; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that for the
23 following subsections of sections 8 through 9 of this
24 act:

25 (i) Section 8, subsection (13)(a) through

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1 (d) - the allottee of these funds shall be the Chief
2 Justice of the respective State Supreme Court,

3 (ii) Section 9(1)(a) - the allottee of
4 these funds shall be the President of the College of
5 Micronesia-FSM.

6 (iii) Section 8, subsection (13)(u) - the
7 allottee of these funds shall be the President of the
8 Federated States of Micronesia.

9 (iv) Section 8, subsection (13)(v) - the
10 allottee of these funds shall be the Speaker of the
11 Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

12 (3) Lapse Date. The authority of the allottees to
13 obligate funds appropriated by this act shall lapse
14 as of September 30, 2013; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that
15 the funds appropriated under section 9 of this act
16 shall not lapse."

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

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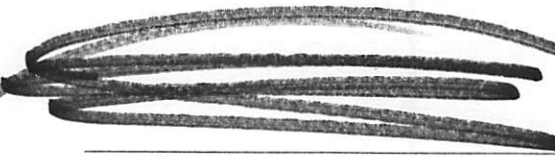
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January 17, 2013


Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia