
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 219 of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated) to allow sub-allottees who are members of Congress to submit an affidavit describing the amount and nature of an expenditure, as sufficient evidence to support a legal obligation in the case of representation expenses and official expense allowance expenses, without requiring such sub-allottees to provide other formal approval such as a certification by the Speaker of Congress, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 219 of Title 55 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated) is hereby amended to
3 read as follows:

4 "Section 219. Documentary evidence required to
5 support obligations.

6 No amount shall be recorded as an obligation of
7 the Government of the Federated States of
8 Micronesia unless it is supported by documentary
9 evidence of:

10 (1) a binding agreement in writing, between the
11 parties thereto, including Government agencies, in
12 a manner and form and for a purpose authorized by
13 United States or Federated States of Micronesia
14 law, executed before the expiration of the period
15 of availability for obligation of the
16 appropriation or fund concerned for specific goods

1 to be delivered, real property to be purchased or
2 leased, or work or services to be performed; or

3 (2) a valid loan agreement, showing the amount
4 of the loan to be made and the terms or schedule
5 of repayment thereof; or

6 (3) an order required by United States or
7 Federated States of Micronesia law to be placed
8 with an agency; or

9 (4) an order issued pursuant to United States
10 or Federated States of Micronesia law authorizing
11 purchases without advertising when necessitated by
12 public exigency or for perishable subsistence
13 supplies or within specific monetary limitations;
14 or

15 (5) a grant or subsidy payable:

16 (a) from appropriations made for payment of
17 or contributions toward sums required to be paid
18 in specific amounts fixed by United States or
19 Federated States of Micronesia law, or in
20 accordance with formulae prescribed by United
21 States or Federated States of Micronesia law, or

22 (b) pursuant to an agreement authorized by,
23 or plans approved in accordance with and
24 authorized by United States or Federated States of
25 Micronesia law; or

1 (6) a liability which may result from pending
2 litigation brought under authority of United
3 States or Federated States of Micronesia law; or

4 (7) employment or services of persons or
5 expenses of travel in accordance with United
6 States or Federated States of Micronesia law, or
7 services performed by public utilities; or

8 (8) any other legal liability of the Federated
9 States of Micronesia against an appropriation or
10 funds legally available therefor; or

11 (9) in the case of representation expenses and
12 official expense allowance expenses, an affidavit of the
13 allottee or sub-allottee describing the amount and nature
14 of the expenditure, or a written contract or written
15 receipt, submitted in a timely manner in accordance with
16 the provisions of section 224A of this title, shall be
17 deemed to be sufficient documentary evidence to support a
18 legal obligation, and in the case where the sub-allottee
19 is a member of Congress, no further certification from the
20 Speaker shall be necessary."

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1 Section 2. 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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5 Date: 1/27/17

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