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:

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

“Section 219. Documentary evidence required to support obligations.

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

(1) a binding agreement in writing, between the parties thereto, including Government agencies, in a manner and form and for a purpose authorized by United States or Federated States of Micronesia law, executed before the expiration of the period of availability for obligation of the appropriation or fund concerned for specific goods
to be delivered, real property to be purchased or
leased, or work or services to be performed; or

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

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

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

(5) a grant or subsidy payable:

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

(b) pursuant to an agreement authorized by,
or plans approved in accordance with and
authorized by United States or Federated States of
Micronesia law; or
(6) a liability which may result from pending litigation brought under authority of United States or Federated States of Micronesia law; or
(7) employment or services of persons or expenses of travel in accordance with United States or Federated States of Micronesia law, or services performed by public utilities; or
(8) any other legal liability of the Federated States of Micronesia against an appropriation or funds legally available therefor; or
(9) in the case of representation expenses and official expense allowance expenses, an affidavit of the allottee or sub-allottee describing the amount and nature of the expenditure, or a written contract or written receipt, submitted in a timely manner in accordance with the provisions of section 224A of this title, shall be deemed to be sufficient documentary evidence to support a legal obligation, and in the case where the sub-allottee is a member of Congress, no further certification from the Speaker shall be necessary.”
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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