A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend title 52 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, by adding a new section 212, to provide for Eligibility for Housing Allowance for Off-island Recruits for Public Service Sector positions within the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Title 52 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, is hereby further amended by adding a new section 212 to read as follows:

"Section 212. Eligibility for Housing Allowance for Off-island Recruits. Employees who are recruited from a place beyond the normal commuting distance from their work location or transferred to a new work location beyond normal commuting distance from their last place of permanent residence, are considered to be off-island recruits and are eligible for housing allowance unless they are transferred back to their home island.

(1) For the purposes of this section, "Permanent residence" means that place where a person has his true, fixed, and permanent home and principal establishment to which, whenever absent,
he has the intention of returning. A person may have
only one permanent residence at a time;

(2) Permanent residence” shall not be a location the
employee travels to on a temporary basis to seek
employment.”

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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