A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 609 of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, in order to clarify the use and availability of the Disaster Relief Fund and to expand its use for any future emergency declaration, and for other purposes.

Section 1. Section 609, Subchapter II, Chapter 6 of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 609. Establishment

(1) There is created a Disaster Relief Fund to be used for natural disaster and emergency relief throughout the Federated States of Micronesia.

(2) Moneys for the Disaster Relief Fund shall be derived from appropriations by the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia and the State Legislature, United States grants, funds designated for such purposes from international organizations and from any and all other appropriate sources.

(3) The Disaster Relief Fund shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter.

(4) Any future decreed funds made in connection with any emergency declaration shall be deposited into this Disaster Relief Fund. Any left over money or fund balances from previously decreed funds shall be
deposited into this Disaster Relief Fund.

(5) This Disaster Relief Fund could be used for any emergency declaration. Any future left over in this fund, be it from decreed funds in connection with specific emergency declaration made by the President, emergency funding assistance from abroad, congressional appropriation or reimbursement relating to an emergency, or other funding sources intended to support humanitarian assistance and relief efforts relating to emergency situation, shall be available to support and be spent in connection with any emergency declaration made by the President. This fund shall be replenished or supplemented as often as needed even though no emergency declaration is presently in effect.”

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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