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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend title 19 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), by amending section 613 thereof, for the purpose of providing seamen on national vessels a nontaxable ten dollar a day at sea benefit, and for other purposes.

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

1           Section 1. Purpose. The amendment to section 613 of title  
2 19 of the 2014 Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is to  
3 provide a nontaxable ten dollar a day at sea benefit for seamen  
4 on national vessels to be paid on a quarterly basis.

5           Section 2. Section 613 of title 19 of the Code of the  
6 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended by  
7 to read as follows:

8                   Section 613. Seamen's wages.

9                   (1) Each seaman's wages shall commence on the  
10 day specified and agreed to in the Shipping Articles  
11 or at the time the seaman reports on board the vessel  
12 for the purpose of commencing work, whichever first  
13 occurs, and shall terminate on the day of the seaman's  
14 discharge or upon expiration of the Shipping Articles.

15                   (2) In the absence of any agreement to the  
16 contrary, the owner or master of the vessel shall pay  
17 to every seaman the seaman's wages, overtime and any  
18 unpaid leave entitlement within two days after the

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1 expiration of the Shipping Articles or at the time the  
2 seaman is discharged, whichever first occurs.

3 (3) Every seaman on national vessels shall be  
4 entitled to a nontaxable ten dollar a day at sea  
5 benefit to be paid on a quarterly basis. The ten  
6 dollar a day at sea benefit shall commence at the time  
7 the seaman reports on board the vessel for the purpose  
8 of commencing work or on the day specified and agreed  
9 to in the Shipping Articles, whichever first occurs,  
10 and shall terminate on the day of the seaman's  
11 discharge or upon expiration of the Shipping Articles.

12 [~~3~~] (4) Before the seaman is discharged or the  
13 Shipping Articles expire, every master shall deliver  
14 to the seaman a full and true account in the  
15 prescribed form of the seaman's wages, including any  
16 and all deductions made therefrom."

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

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21 Date: 8/14/20

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