A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend section 203 of title 2 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended by Public Law No. 20-47, to add a Division of Meteorology to the Department of Environment, Climate Change, and Emergency Management and to amend the Department name accordingly, and for other purposes.

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

1. Section 1. Section 203 of title 2 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended by Public Law No. 20-47, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

   "Section 203. Departments.

   (1) There shall be the following departments which shall be responsible for major programs or administrative support areas in the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia:

   (a) Department of Resources and Development;

   (b) Department of Finance and Administration.

   (c) Department of Foreign Affairs;

   (d) Department of Health and Social Affairs;

   (e) Department of Justice;

   (f) Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure, which shall contain among other units, a Project Management Unit for the Compact Infrastructure Grants;

   (g) Department of Education; and
(h) Department of Environment, Climate Change, [and] Emergency Management, and Meteorology, which shall contain among other divisions, a Division of Meteorology.

(2) The administrative head of each department shall be designated as a “Secretary”.

(3) The administrative head of each office shall be designated as a “Director”.

(4) Succession and transition.

(a) Any reference to a previously existing department, office or division thereof shall apply to the appropriate successor entity.

(b) Any reference to any office or employee of an entity referred to in subsection (4)(a) of this section shall be construed as applying to the person holding the same or most similar position in the appropriate successor entity.”

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.

Date: 11/18/21

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper

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