A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend section 325 of title 54 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, and section 1223 of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, to reduce to zero percent (0%) the distributions to the FSM Trust fund from the revenue sources: taxes on major corporations and fishing access fees, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this act is to reduce to zero percent (0%) the contributions to the FSM Trust Fund from tax generated pursuant to Section 321 of Title 55 (major corporations tax) and from fishing access fees.

Section 2. Section 325 of Title 54 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended by Public Laws Nos. 20-134 and 21-105, is hereby further amended as follows:

“Section 325. [Fifty percent (50%)] Zero percent (0%) of the tax generated pursuant to section 321 of this title shall be deposited into the FSM Trust Fund [† PROVIDED, THAT, from the date this bill is signed into law, the remaining funds not yet deposited in the FSM Trust Fund during the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2020, the 50% portion of revenue referred to in this section shall be deposited into the Tourism Sector Mitigation Fund established under section 609A
Section 3. Section 1223 of Title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended by Public Laws Nos. 20-130, 20-134 and 21-105, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Section 1223. Transfer of Fishing Access Fees.

Twenty percent (20%) of all National Government revenue deriving from fishing access fees collected in a fiscal year shall be deposited into the FSM Trust Fund; PROVIDED, THAT, from the date this bill is signed into law, the remaining funds not yet deposited in the FSM Trust Fund during the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2020, the 20% portion of revenue referred to in this section shall be deposited into the Tourism Sector Mitigation Fund established under section 609A of chapter 6 of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia. The Department of Finance and Administration shall be responsible for transmitting a report to Congress no fewer than ten (10) days prior to any Congressional session, indicating the portion of any new available appropriable revenue derived from fishing access fees that is to be deposited into the FSM Trust Fund. This section shall take effect on
Section 4. 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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