A BILL FOR AN ACT

To require promulgation of licensing and practice regulations for health services personnel in the Federated States of Micronesia and to authorize the issuance of licenses therefor; to repeal Sections 152, 153, 154, and 156 of Title 66 of the Trust Territory Code; and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Health Services Licensing Act."

Section 2. Definitions. As used herein, unless otherwise indicated by the context:

(1) "President" means the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

(2) "Secretary of Social Services" means the Secretary of the Department of Social Services of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Section 3. Establishment of regulations required and licensure of health services personnel authorized.

(1) The Secretary of Social Services pursuant to the provisions of section 9 of this act, shall establish regulations which set forth licensing and practicing standards for persons desiring to practice, or persons practicing, medicine, surgery, dentistry, nursing, and other health related services in the Federated States of Micronesia.

(2) All persons are prohibited from practicing such professions in the Federated States of Micronesia, except in an apprentice capacity under approved supervision, unless duly licensed or certified by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia as hereby authorized and in accordance with the licensing standards as set forth in the regulations promulgated hereunder.

Section 4. Record of license. A permanent record of each license issued and each license renewed in accordance with the
provisions of this act, shall be maintained in a registry by the
Division of Health Services, Department of Social Services, Feder-
ated States of Micronesia.

Section 5. Existing Trust Territory licenses. Any health
service related license issued pursuant to the authority of Sec-
tion 152 of Title 63 of the Trust Territory Code and in effect on
the effective date of this act shall remain valid in the Federated
States of Micronesia until its expiration date, upon which time
the licensing requirements of this act and regulations promulgated
hereunder shall be complied with.

Section 6. Revocation or suspension of license. Any license
issued or in effect pursuant to the provisions of this act may be
revoked or suspended for cause by the Secretary of Social Services
after due notice to the licensee, in writing, of the charge or charges
that have been made, and the time and place where evidence in sup-
port of the same will be heard; PROVIDED, that the licensee shall
have had the opportunity to present evidence and be heard in his
own defense.

Section 7. Penalty. A person who violates any of the provisions
of this act or regulations promulgated hereunder, shall be deemed
guilty of a crime and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not
more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than
one year, or both.

Section 8. Repealer. Sections 152, 153, 154, and 156 of Title
63 of the Trust Territory Code and rules and regulations issued and
promulgated thereto, insofar as they apply to the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 9. Regulations. The Secretary of Social Services, upon approval of the President, is hereby authorized to issue and promulgate regulations implementing the provisions of this act, which regulations shall have the force and effect of law.

Section 10. Effective date. 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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