SIXTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 1990   C. B. No. 6-180

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend title 1 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia
by repealing sections 101 through 111, 113, 114, and 201 through
206, by amending sections 207, 209 and 213, by renumbering sections
112, 208, and 210 through 212, and for other purposes.

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

1   Section 1. The Congress finds that many provisions of chapters 1

2   and 2 of title 1 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia are

3   carry-over Trust Territory legislation which has been superseded or

4   rendered obsolete by the Constitution of the Federated States of

5   Micronesia, the Compact of Free Association between the Federated

6   States of Micronesia and the United States, and the termination of the

7   Trusteeship. The intent of this act is to amend these two chapters in

8   order to make them consistent with the Constitution and the Federated

9   States of Micronesia's current political status. To the extent that

10 this act repeals preexisting Trust Territory statutes concerning civil

11 rights and Micronesian customs which were subsequently incorporated in

12 the Constitution, the Congress does not intend to abolish such rights

13 and customs. It is the intent of Congress that such rights and

14 customs should continue to receive constitutional protection, and the

15 superfluous Trust Territory statutes have been repealed so that these

16 rights and customs shall be construed only in accord with the intent

17 of the drafters of the Constitution, rather than in accord with the

18 intent of Trust Territory lawmakers.

19   Section 2. Sections 101 through 111, 113, 114, and 201 through

20 206 of title 1 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia are

21 hereby repealed in their entirety.

22   Section 3. Section 207 of title 1 of the Code of the Federated

23 States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as follows:

24   "Section 207 201. Words denoting number, etc. As used in

25   this code or in any act of the Congress of the Federated

1   States of Micronesia, unless it is otherwise provided or the

2   context requires a different construction, application, or

3   meaning:

4   (1) words importing the singular include and apply to

5   several persons, parties or things;

6   (2) words importing the plural include the singular;

7   (3) words importing the masculine gender include the

8   feminine; and

9   (4) words used in the present tense include the future."

10   Section 4. Section 209 of title 1 of the Code of the Federated States

11 of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as follows:

12   "Section ~~209~~ 203. English language text to prevail. Whenever

13   any provision of this code or any ~~law, ordinance,~~ regulation,

14   document, or instrument adopted pursuant thereto shall have been

15   translated in whole or in summary from English to a local lan-

16   guage should there be a possible difference of interpretation be-

17   tween the English text and the local translation the English

18   language text shall prevail and govern in the decision of all

19   cases~~, except as provided in former section 103 of title 4 of the~~

20   ~~Trust Territory Code~~."

21   Section 5. Section 213 of title 1 of the Code of the Federated States

22 of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as follows:

23   "Section ~~213~~ 207. Numbering of laws.

24   ~~(1) Public laws shall be assigned a number by the High~~

25   ~~Commissioner as they become law, with or without his signature,~~

1 ~~in the order in which they become law. Numbers of public laws~~

2 ~~enacted by the First Regular Session, 1965, Congress of Micro-~~

3 ~~nesia, shall be preceded by the figure "1-"; numbers of public~~

4 ~~laws enacted by the Second Regular Session, 1966, Congress of~~

5 ~~Micronesia, shall be preceded by the figure "2-"; numbers of~~

6 ~~public laws enacted by the Third Regular Session, 1967, Congress~~

7 ~~of Micronesia, shall be preceded by the figure "3-"; numbers of~~

8 ~~public laws enacted by the Fourth Regular Session, 1968, Congress~~

9 ~~of Micronesia, shall be preceded by the figure "4-"; numbers of~~

10 ~~public laws enacted by the Third Congress of Micronesia shall be~~

11 ~~preceded by the figure "3C-"; numbers of laws enacted by the~~

12 ~~Fourth Congress of Micronesia shall be preceded by the figure~~

13 ~~"4C-"; numbers of public laws enacted by the Fifth and succeeding~~

14 ~~Congresses shall be preceded by an arabic numeral representing~~

15 ~~the number of the Congress, followed by a hyphen, such as "5-".~~

16 ~~(2) Private laws enacted by the Congress of the Federated~~

17 ~~States of Micronesia shall be numbered in the same manner as~~

18 ~~public laws, as set forth in subsection (3) of this section,~~

19 ~~except that such laws shall be known as private laws and not as~~

20 ~~public laws.~~

21 (3) Bills enacted by the Congress of the Federated States

22 of Micronesia shall be assigned a number by the President of the

23 Federated States of Micronesia as they become law, with or

24 without his approval, in the order in which they become law.

25 Public laws enacted by the First Congress of the Federated States
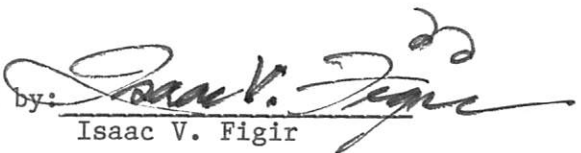
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1   of Micronesia shall be preceded by the figure '1' followed by a

2   hyphen. Public laws enacted by subsequent Congresses shall be

3   preceded by an arabic numeral representing the number of the

4   appropriate Congress, followed by a hyphen, such as '2-.'"

5   Section 6. Sections 112, 208, and 210 through 212 of title 1 of the

6 Code of the Federated States of Micronesia are hereby renumbered as

7 sections 101, 202, and 204 through 206, respectively.

8   Section 7. This act shall become law upon approval by the President

9 of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without

10 such approval.

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12 Date: 01-25-90   Introduced by: _____

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