

SECOND CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1981

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C.B. No. 2-81

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To establish a National Sports Commission to encourage sports activities between the States and encourage participation of the Federated States of Micronesia in regional and international sports organizations and events; to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the formation and operation of the Commission; and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Policy and purpose. The participation by the people of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia in sports events and sports associations on an
3 interstate, regional, and international level is a great learning opportunity
4 for the participants. Active involvement in sports activities helps to promote
5 the good health of our people. By increasing the awareness of the people of the
6 Federated States of Micronesia of sports organizations and events, participation
7 in these activities and events will be increased. Further, participation in
8 friendly sports competition between residents of our States as well as between
9 representatives of our Nation and other nations will help promote fellowship and
10 unity for our Nation and recognition by other nations.

11 Section 2. Creation of Commission and membership. There shall be established
12 a National Sports Commission (hereinafter the "Commission") which shall consist of
13 five members (hereinafter commissioners). The Speaker of the Congress of the
14 Federated States of Micronesia, after consultation with the Governor and Speaker
15 of the legislature of each State, shall appoint one commissioner from each State.
16 The Speaker of the Congress shall also appoint one Member of Congress after consulta-
17 tion with the Members of Congress. The commissioners shall elect a chairperson by
18 a majority vote.

19 Section 3. Duties of the Commission. The Commission shall do the following:

20 (1) Hire an executive director, possessing such qualifications as
21 may be established by the Commission, to run the day to day affairs of the
22 Commission;

23 (2) Meet quarterly to:

24 (a) Set general policy and guidelines; and

25 (b) Evaluate for approval or disapproval funding proposals

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1 submitted for funding for either training for or participation in, or both;
2 interstate, regional, or international sporting events or forums;

3 (3) Act as the official representative of the Federated States of
4 Micronesia for the purposes of the affiliation of the Federated States of Mic
5 nesia with, and representation in, international and other amateur athletic
6 bodies, participation in international athletic events, and other related purpo

7 (4) Establish, in conjunction with State sports associations, and
8 govern a nationwide amateur sports union for the organization and development of
9 athletic competition in the Federated States of Micronesia;

10 (5) Sanction the amateur status of Federated States of Micronesia
11 athletics;

12 (6) Promote and supervise interstate athletic competition within the
13 Federated States of Micronesia;

14 (7) Promote the construction, and where appropriate, the standardizatio
15 of sports facilities in the Federated States of Micronesia;

16 (8) Maintain the official sports records of the Federated States of
17 Micronesia; and

18 (9) Seek funds from public and private sources for the performance of
19 its duties.

20 Section 4. Duties of the executive director. The executive director shall
21 do the following:

22 (1) Establish contacts with local, regional, and international sports
23 associations, federations, and committees;

24 (2) Compile and maintain ongoing communications with the groups listed
25 in subsection 1 of this section;

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1 (3) Establish and keep a calendar of upcoming sporting events and
2 meetings;

3 (4) Establish a mailing list of persons of organizations interested
4 in receiving this calendar of events and provide copies of the calendar to those
5 on the mailing list;

6 (5) Compile an agenda for the Commission's quarterly meeting including
7 all funding requests received; and

8 (6) Perform such other duties as the commissioners may require pursuant
9 to the provisions of this act.

10 Section 5. Compensation. Members of the Commission, excluding those who
11 are members of a State government or the National Government, shall be compensated
12 at the rate of \$35 per day when actually on the business of the Commission. All
13 members of the Commission shall receive per diem and travel expenses at established
14 Federated States of Micronesia Government rates while on the business of the Commission.
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16 Section 6. Appropriation. The sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be
17 necessary, is appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia
18 for the purposes set forth in section 3 of this act.

19 Section 7. Financial Management. All funds appropriated by this act shall
20 be allotted, managed, administered, and accounted for in accordance with applicable
21 law, including, but not limited to, the Financial Management Act of 1979. The
22 allottee shall be responsible for ensuring that these funds, or so much thereof
23 as may be necessary, are used solely for the purpose specified in this act, and
24 that no obligations are incurred in excess of the sum appropriated. The authority
25 of the allottee to obligate funds appropriated by this act shall lapse as of

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1 September 30, 1982.

2 Section 8. Effective date. This act shall become law upon approval by
3 the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law
4 without such approval.

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6 Date: June 5, 1981

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