

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To create a Federated States of Micronesia Animal Development and Meat Board, to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1983, for the purpose of funding the operations of the Board, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Creation of the Federated States of Micronesia

2 Animal Development and Meat Board. There is hereby created in
3 the Federated States of Micronesia a governmental board to be
4 known as the Federated States of Micronesia Animal Development and
5 Meat Board, hereinafter called the "Board."

6 Section 2. Objects and purposes of the Board. The objects
7 and purposes for which the Board is created are:

8 (1) To plan and establish an animal feed industry in
9 each of the States;

10 (2) To plan and establish a slaughterhouse in each of
11 the States;

12 (3) To plan and implement a program for the maximum
13 economical utilization of animal by-products;

14 (4) To investigate and report on the potential export
15 markets for meat and other animal products from the Federated States
16 of Micronesia;

17 (5) To plan and develop markets within each of the States
18 for the sale and distribution of meat and other animal products;

19 (6) To establish quality standards for the grading of
20 meat within the Federated States of Micronesia;

21 (7) To inspect all meat imported into the Federated
22 States of Micronesia, to grade such imported meat, and to reject
23 any meat sought to be imported which does not attain the minimum
24 quality standards established by the Board; and

25 (8) To make recommendations regarding the advisability

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1 of development loans to individuals or groups seeking to develop an
2 animal production business.

3 Section 3. Composition of the Board. The Board shall be composed
4 of seven members appointed as follows: one person who shall be appointed
5 by and serve at the discretion of the President of the Federated States of
6 Micronesia; one person who shall be appointed by and serve at the
7 discretion of the Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micro-
8 nesia; one person who shall be the Secretary of the Department of Re-
9 sources and Development of the National Government of the Federated States
10 of Micronesia; and one person from each State, which person shall be
11 appointed by and serve at the discretion of the Governor of each respective
12 State. Each of the members appointed by the Governors of the respective
13 States should have a substantial background in the area of animal hus-
14 bandry or a related area. Any interim vacancy which may occur prior to
15 the expiration of the term of any particular Board member shall be filled
16 by appointment by the same official who appointed the member whose posi-
17 tion has become vacant.

18 Section 4. Terms of members. At the first meeting of the Board,
19 all members of the Board, except the Secretary of the Department of
20 Resources and Development of the National Government of the Federated
21 States of Micronesia, shall by lot determine their initial terms. Two
22 members shall have initial terms of one year; two members shall have
23 initial terms of two years; and two members shall have initial terms
24 of three years. The initial terms of the Board members shall expire
25 at noon on the same day as the first meeting of the Board, one, two, or

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1 three years respectively, after the first meeting of the Board.
2 All subsequent terms shall be for a period of three years. The
3 Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development of the
4 National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia shall be a
5 perpetual member of the Board.

6 Section 5. Officers. The person appointed by the President
7 shall serve as acting chairman, whose sole responsibility shall be
8 to call the first Board meeting as soon as practicable after all
9 appointments have been made. At the first meeting of the Board, a
10 chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and treasurer shall be elected from
11 among the members of the Board, which officers may be removed at any
12 time by a majority vote of the Board. Elections of officers shall be
13 held annually.

14 Section 6. Meetings; quorum. The Board shall meet annually or
15 more often at the call of the chairman. A quorum shall consist of four
16 members of the Board.

17 Section 7. Bylaws. The Board, by a majority vote of the entire
18 Board, may adopt, amend, alter, or repeal such bylaws for the Board's
19 operation as are not inconsistent with this act or other applicable law;
20 PROVIDED that the bylaws shall not be adopted, amended, altered, or re-
21 pealed at any meeting of the Board unless written notice of any such
22 proposed action has been sent by certified mail to each member two weeks
23 prior to such meeting.

24 Section 8. Costs of administration. There is hereby authorized to be
25 appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia

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1 such amount of funds as is necessary to carry out the cost of adminis-
2 tration of this act. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the Board
3 from charging reasonable fees for its services if it shall be determined
4 by the Board that such fees are appropriate, and such fees are only
5 required of those who voluntarily decide to avail themselves of the
6 services of the Board.

7 Section 9. Expenses. All members of the Board shall be entitled
8 to necessary travel expenses and per diem at standard rates of the
9 National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia while on the
10 business of the Board. Board members who are neither employees nor
11 officials of a State government or the National Government of the
12 Federated States of Micronesia shall, in addition, be paid \$35 per day
13 while on the business of the Board.

14 Section 10. Annual report. Within 30 days after the close of each
15 fiscal year, the Board shall file with the President of the Federated
16 States of Micronesia, the Speaker of the Congress of the Federated
17 States of Micronesia, and each of the four Governors a report generally
18 stating the activities of the Board during the preceding fiscal year
19 and containing an income and expense statement for the preceding fiscal
20 year and a statement of its assets and liabilities as of the close of
21 such year. Such report shall be considered a public document and made
22 available for public inspection.

23 Section 11. Appropriating of funds. The sum of \$10,000, or so much thereof
24 as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the
25 Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30,

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1 1983. The Board shall be the allottee of the funds.

2 Section 12. Allotment of funds. All funds appropriated by this
3 act shall be allotted, managed, administered, and accounted for in
4 accordance with applicable law, including but not limited to, the
5 Financial Management Act of 1979. The allottee shall be responsible
6 for ensuring that these funds, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
7 are used solely for the purpose specified in this act, and that no
8 obligations are incurred in excess of the sum appropriated. The
9 authority of the allottee to obligate funds appropriated by this act
10 shall lapse as of September 30, 1983.

11 Section 13. Audit. The books and records of the Board shall be
12 audited annually, or at such other time as the President of the Federated
13 States of Micronesia may direct, by the Public Auditor of the Federated
14 States of Micronesia or, at the President's discretion, by qualified,
15 independent auditors.

16 Section 14. Tax exemption. It is hereby declared that the purpose
17 for which the Board is created is a public purpose for the benefit of the
18 people of the Federated States of Micronesia, and that the Board shall not
19 be required to pay any taxes or assessments on any of the property acquired
20 or to be acquired by it, or on its income, operations, or activities.

21 Section 15. Debts of Board not public debts. The debts or obligations
22 of the Board shall not be debts or obligations of the National Government
23 of the Federated States of Micronesia, nor shall the National Government be
24 responsible for the same.

25 Section 16. Effective date. This act shall become law upon approval

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1 by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
2 becoming law without such approval.

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4 Date: 6/1/82

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